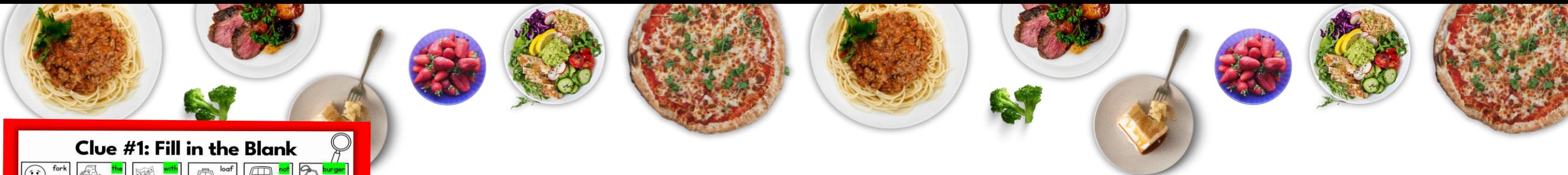


# WHAT IS THIS?



**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

fork, the, with, loaf, of, burger

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

Does the beginning sound match the picture? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Color the tables the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

**red** **yellow** **blue**

**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

**fan** **map** **pal**  
**ran** **tap** **pan**  
**nap** **mad**

**Restaurant**

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

Tell what the ending is. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

<b>w</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>d</b>
A. -an	A. -ab	A. -as	A. -ad
B. -ap	B. -ap	B. -an	B. -ap
C. -ax	C. -ad	C. -ap	C. -ab
D. -ag	D. -at	D. -an	D. -at

<b>f</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>m</b>
A. -ax	A. -am	A. -at	A. -og
B. -at	B. -ag	B. -as	B. -al
C. -am	C. -ad	C. -ap	C. -ap
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**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Dinner**

**Whose Food Is Missing?**

Solve the clues to figure out whose food has not come out from the kitchen yet.

Aunt's Order	Uncle's Order	Mom's Order	Dad's Order
Brother's Order	Sister's Order	Grandma's Order	Grandpa's Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students complete a series of clues to figure out whose dinner is missing!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Uh oh! Everyone ordered something for dinner at the restaurant...but one person's food is missing! Help describe to the waiter what the person was missing so they know what food to bring out.

1. Take a food list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering whose food is missing.
3. Cross out wrong foods each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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## Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

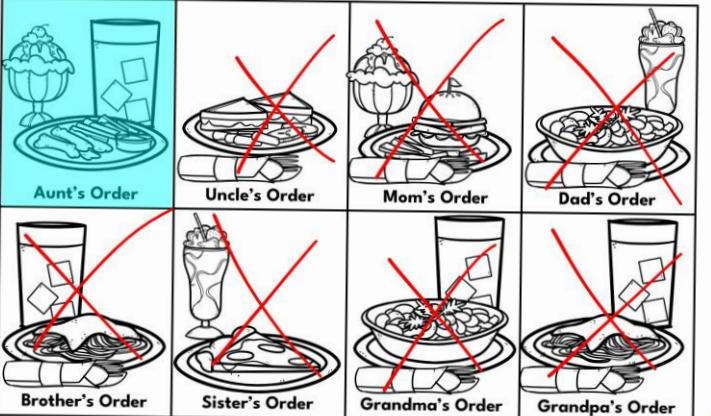
Word: dam	the	Word: mad	did	Word: map	with
mat	missing	van	not	pan	a
bag	order	lap	come	tag	burger

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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## Whose Food Is Missing?

Solve the clues to figure out whose food has not come out from the kitchen yet.



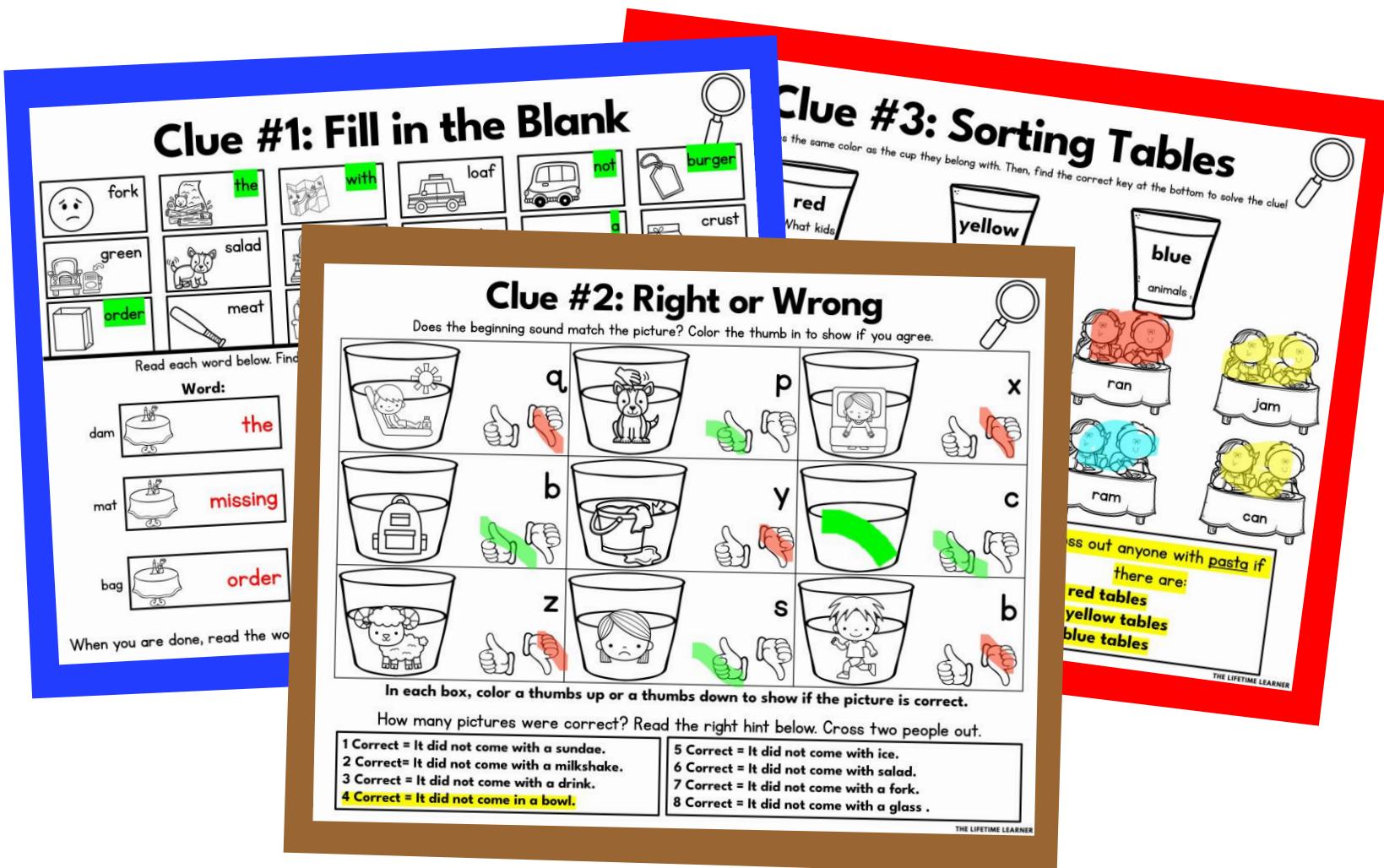
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what foods to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing dinner will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE



## CVC Short A Review:

- Blending Short A Words
- Beginning Sounds
- Onset and Rime
- Sorting CVC Short A Words
- Rhyming Short A Words

**All clues focus on reviewing short A words!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

**3 Clue Version**

**5 Clue Version**

## Print & Digital Forms

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

Tell what the ending is. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

<b>w</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>d</b>
A. -an B. -ap C. -ax D. -ag	A. -ab B. -ap C. -ad D. -am	A. -as B. -an C. -ap D. -at	A. -ad B. -ap C. -ab D. -at

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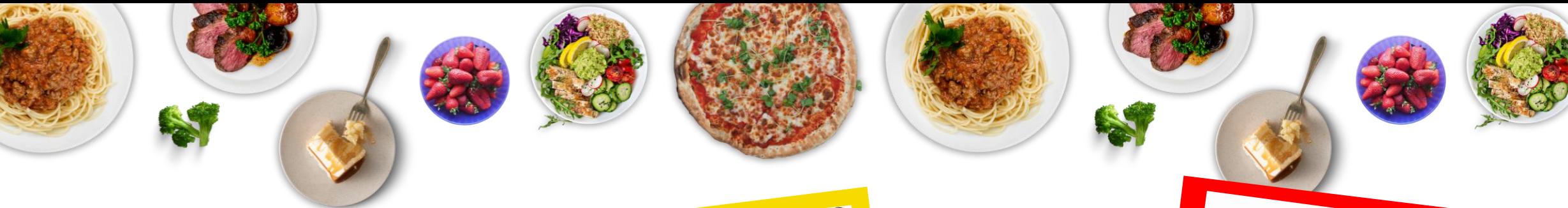
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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

pop	the
hit	not
tag	order

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb up to show if you agree.

cat	dog	dot
ten	fan	men
web	pom	sun

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Color the tables the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red	yellow	blue
feelings	food	animals
pig	mad	gum
sob	cat	bug
rat	ham	sad

**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

pen	hot
hen	dot
map	fog
gap	nod
beg	lip
leg	hip
cab	fun
cat	bun
cab	fib
beg	bib

The missing order comes with a sweet treat.

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

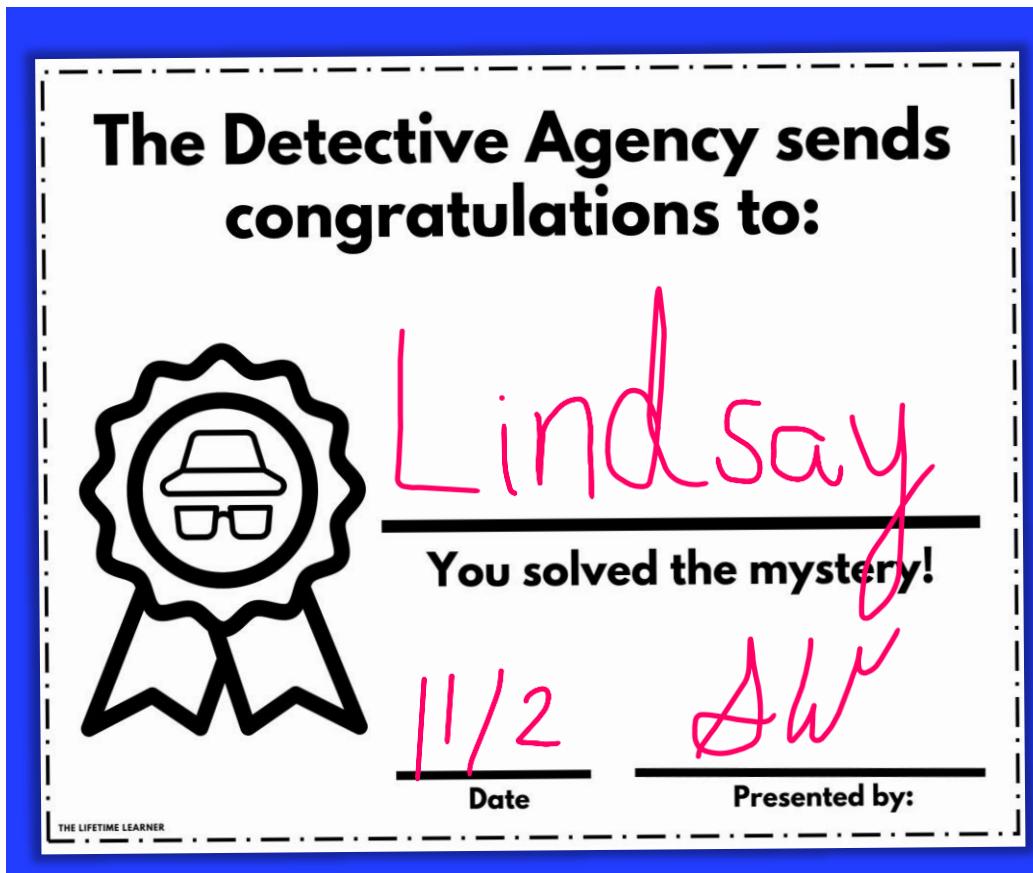
A. rip	A. jam	A. pal
B. rap	B. jet	B. pan
C. ran	C. jog	C. pod
D. dad	D. jet	D. pat

A. pan	A. top	A. hat	A. web
B. pit	B. tip	B. hit	B. wet
C. pot	C. tin	C. ham	C. wax
D. pit	D. tap	D. him	D. win

Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



**LET'S DRAW...**

**noodles**

1	2	3
4	5	6



**LET'S DRAW...**

**a taco**

1	2	3
4	5	6

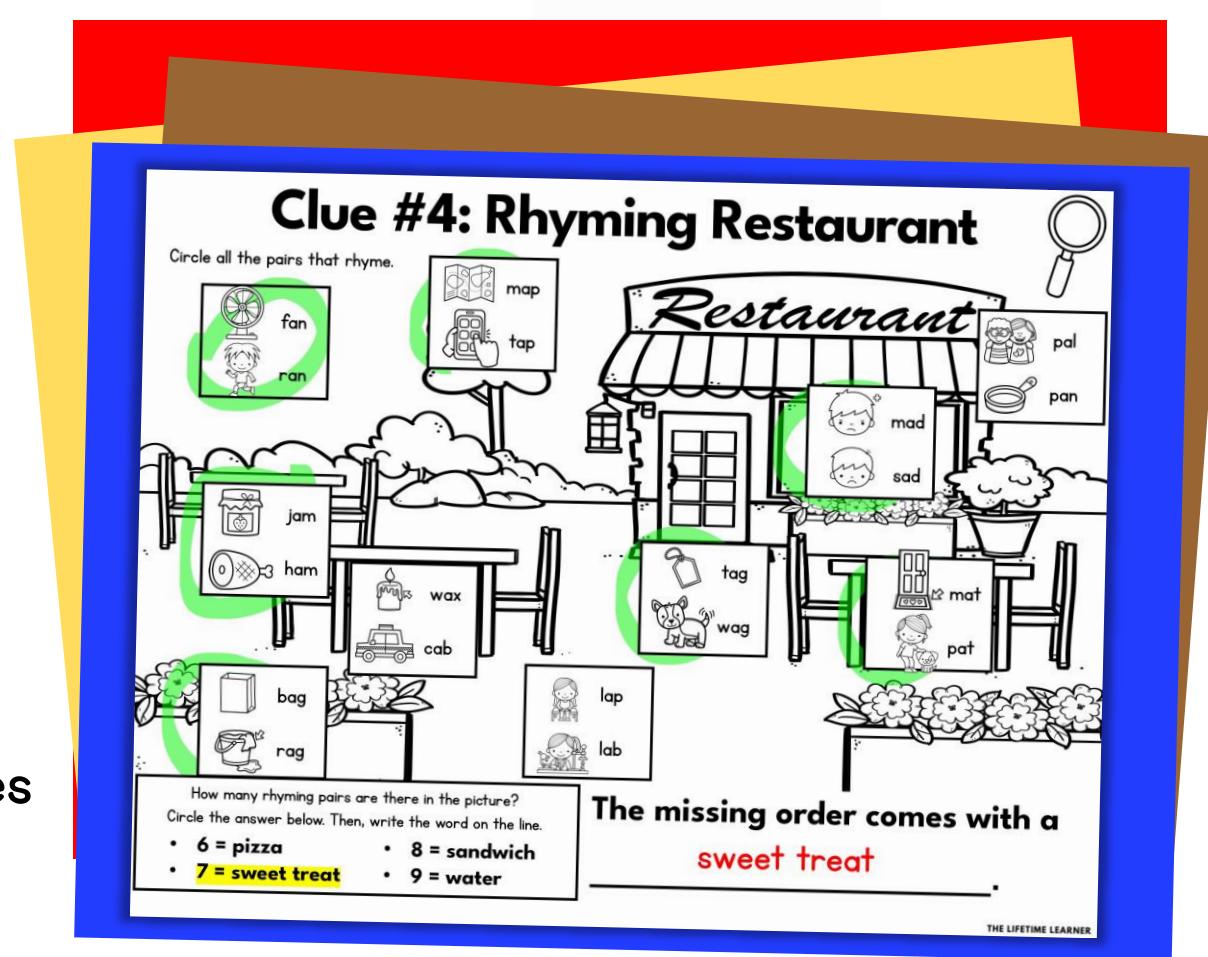


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Phonics Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- 2 Versions: Phonics Review OR CVC Words. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together.



In K-1, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

Students will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions.

# WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

## PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**



**Lindsay**  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 Date SW Presented by:

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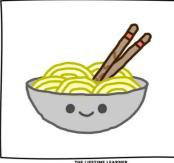
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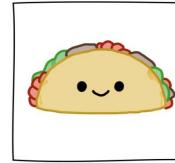
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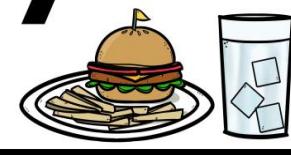


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**solve the mystery**



**The Case of the Missing Dinner**

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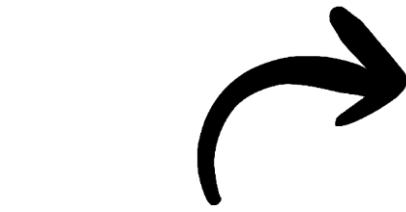
# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.



## Reading

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

Word:  Word:   
the did map with  
mad not pan a  
missing van bag order  
bag lap come tag burger

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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## Example of Clue 1

## Math

**Clue #1: Milkshake and Ice Water**

Which number is bigger in each pair? Circle the bigger number.

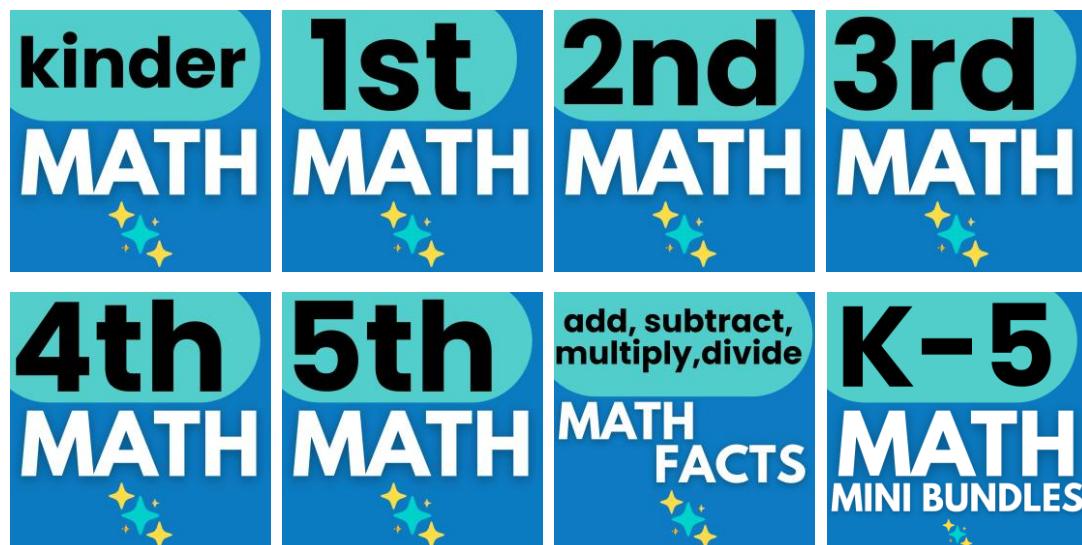
Which has more circles? Cross out anyone with that drink on your paper.

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of reading. They come with fresh clues, unique math challenges, and a new culprit, so students are solving an entirely different case!



## MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



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