

WHAT IS THIS?



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There is a sport in:
• 2 yellow
• 3 red
• 3 green
• 2 blue

plant tent
How many
• 5 = feet
• 6 = hands

The trophy is
N E A R A H O O P
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solve the mystery



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Trophy

Where is the Trophy?

Solve the clues to figure out where the missing trophy is located.

Baseball Field	Football Field	Tennis Court	Swimming Pool
Track	Basketball Court	Volleyball Court	Soccer Field

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing trophy is!



HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The 1st place trophy has been stolen! Rumor has it that it's somewhere on the school's campus. Help figure out where the trophy is. Solve the clues to figure out where the trophy is and solve the mystery!

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



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trophy not at a race

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

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

SKILL PRACTICE



Final Blends Review:

- L, M, N, S, T Blends
- Onset and Rime
- Missing Beginnings
- Missing Endings
- Blending Words
- Error Analysis
- Rhyming Words

All clues focus on reviewing ending blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

There is one ball in this sport if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
• 3 green shirts
• 2 blue shirts

The trophy is not in water if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
• 2 green shirts
• 3 blue shirts

There is no ball in this sport if there are:
• 3 yellow shirts
• 2 red shirts
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Short & Long Options



Print & Digital Forms

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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Circle the boxes that are true.

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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

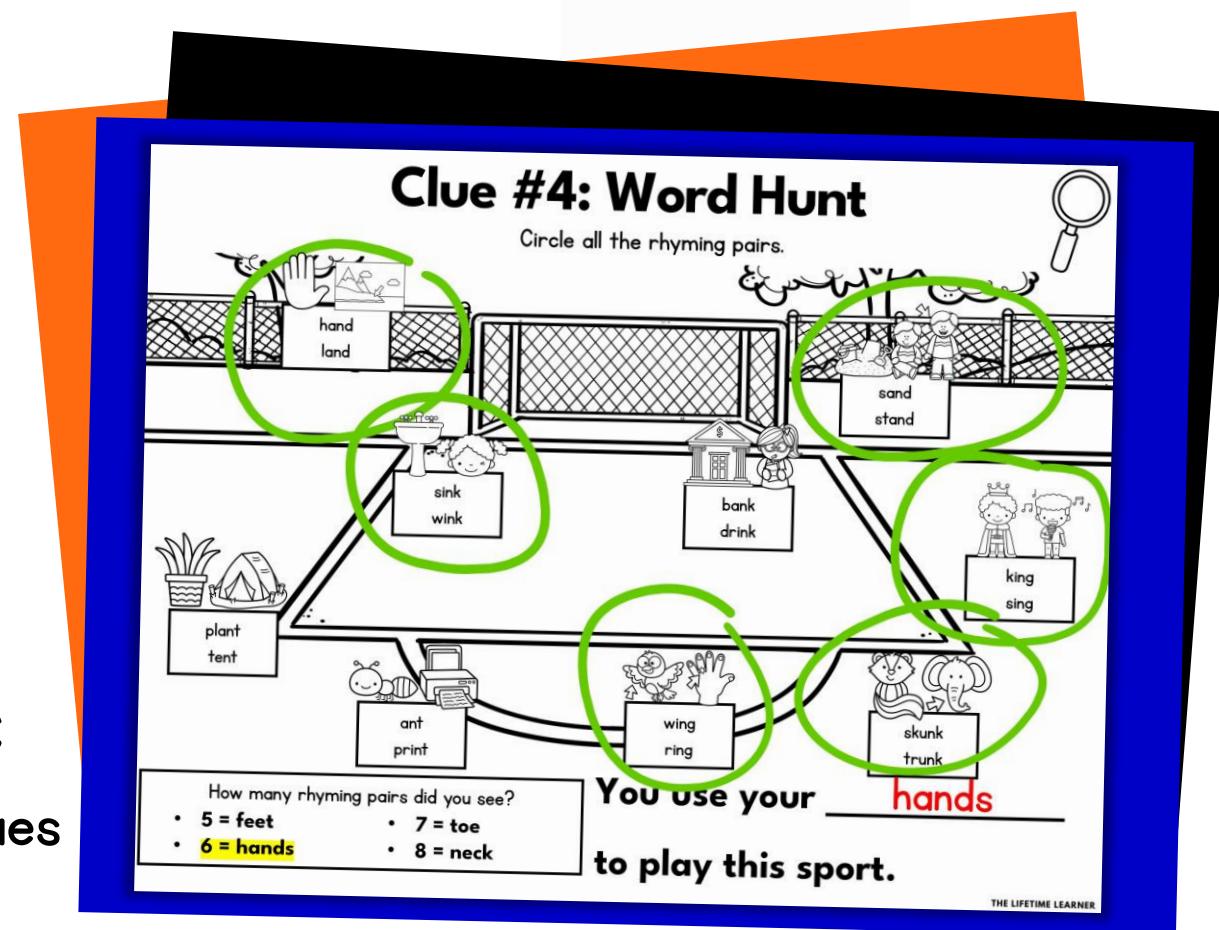


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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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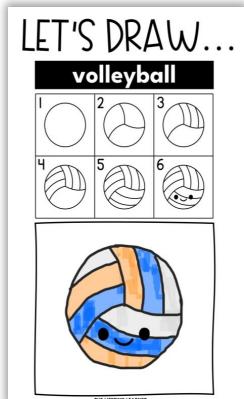
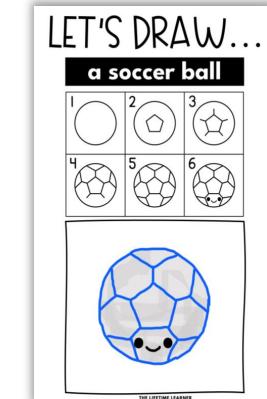
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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: Find It!
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Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

	look		trophy		not		water
					ball		at
					at		kid
					wet		run
							race

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.

trophy not at a race

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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

14	throw	3	this	12	pool	5	place	17	hit	2	ball
1	at	11	catch	8	a	13	is	15	you	1	net
10	track	6	kick	7	not	16	base	18	run	4	do

Answer: Word: Answer: Word: Answer: Word:

9	you	7-1	6	kick	2-1	1	at
4	do	q-1	8	a	4-1	3	this
7	not	3-1	2	ball	6-1	5	place

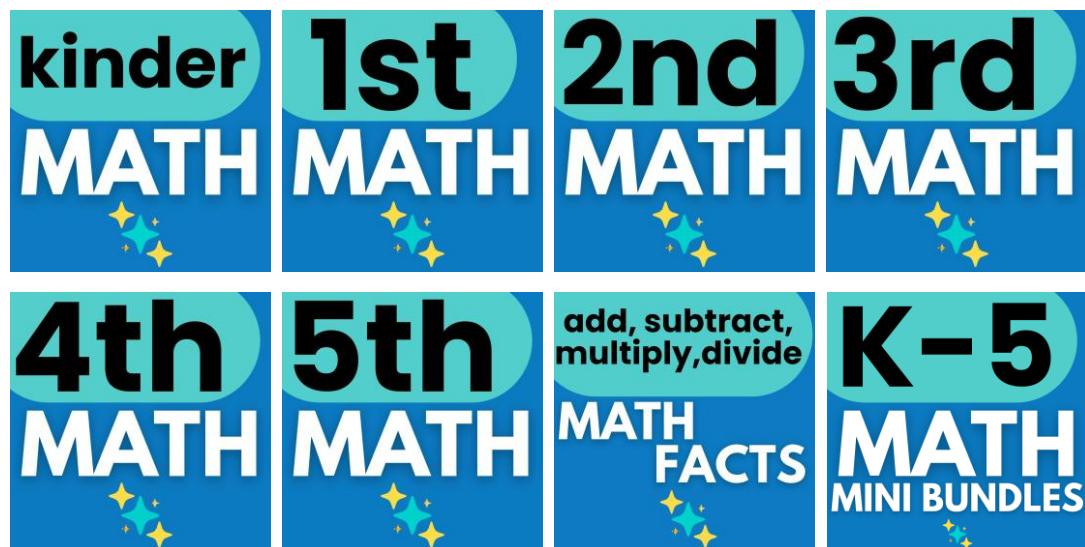
Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each column to figure out the clue.

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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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TO SAVE BIG!

