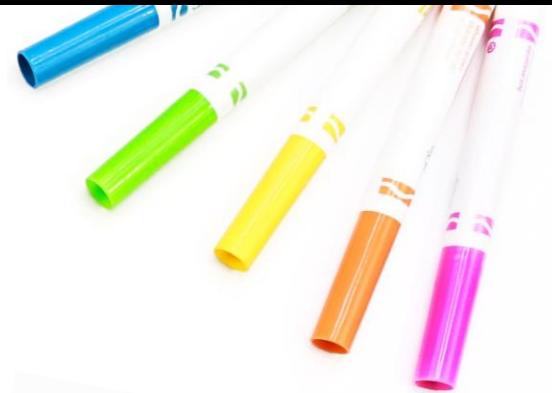


WHAT IS THIS?



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Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the sunglasses!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! On your vacation to the beach, your new sunglasses went missing. Now, it is up to you to complete a set of clues to figure out which kid on the beach accidentally took them. Good luck!



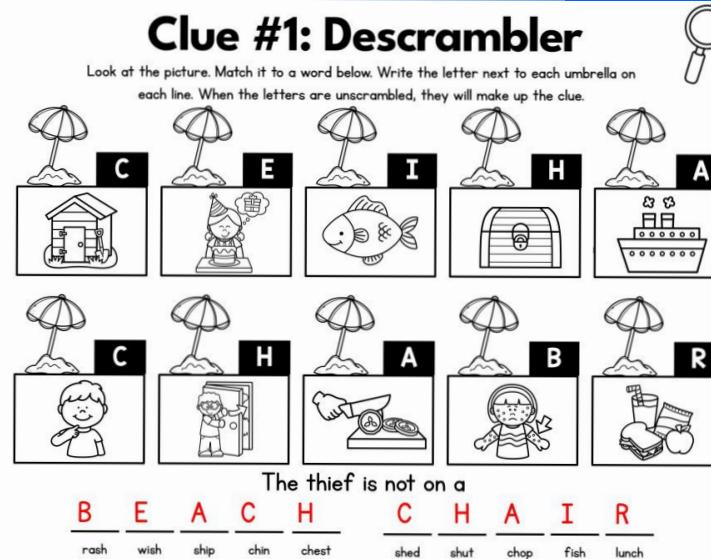
1. Take a list of kids on the beach and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who took the sunglasses.
3. Cross out wrong kids each time you find out new information.

Good luck!

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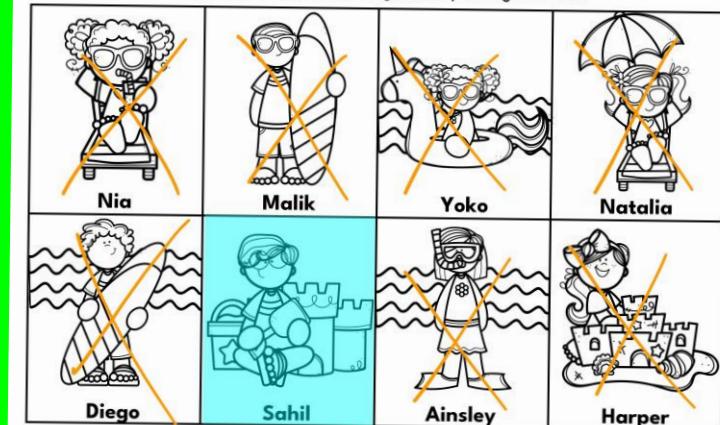
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what suspect(s) to cross out.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

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C
E
A

rash wish ship

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

shade to pail does chair thief waves sun foot net play hot

write the word in each box.

Word:

leg **surf**

ten **at**

hot **all**

Each row to figure out the clue.

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Clue #2: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer for each. Then read the bottom.

<p>A. ring B. sling C. king D. wing</p>	<p>A. sting B. wing C. ding dong D. ring</p>	<p>A. swing B. sing C. sling D. sting</p>
<p>A. ding dong B. ring C. sting D. wing</p>	<p>A. sling B. sting C. ring D. wing</p>	<p>A. king B. swing C. sling D. sting</p>
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Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

<p>How many As did you circle? 1 A = does not 2 As = does 3 As = water 4 As = waves</p>	<p>How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = hate 2 Bs = like 3 Bs = glasses 4 Bs = feet</p>	<p>How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = flip flops 2 Cs = pool 3 Cs = pick 4 Cs = surf</p>	<p>How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = sand 2 Ds = shells 3 Ds = floats 4 Ds = boards</p>
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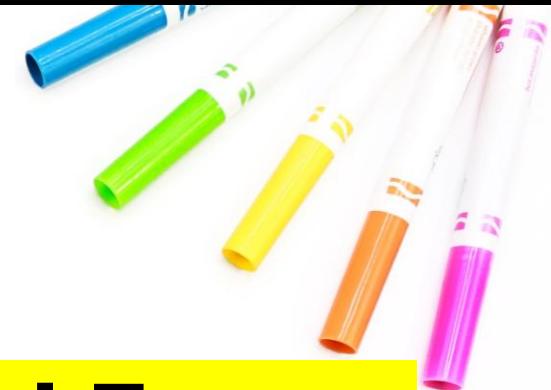
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Kinder Summer Phonics Review:

- Ending Digraphs CH and SH
- ING Words
- CVC Words
- Beginning Blends
- Rhyming Words
- Final Blends

All clues focus on reviewing many phonics skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

like	shade	to	pail	does	play
oil	chair	thief	10	waves	sun
the	cup	10	at	hot	not
Read	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella

3 Clue Version

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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Clue #4: Rhyming Pairs
Circle each set of words that rhyme.

Clue #5: Color the Beach

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the beach.

stand - red ball	hump - red hat	test - red chair
band - yellow ball	hand - green ball	wind - blue ball
cast - green water	fast - green water	vest - blue water
nest - red water	desk - blue bird	hard - blue kite

The thief is not a girl:
• blue ball
• yellow ball
• yellow chair
• red water
• blue bird
• green kite

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• red water
• blue bird
• blue kite

The thief has no pail:
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the	cup	sky	hot	surf	not
Read	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella	umbrella

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

Word: fun	the	Word: dip	not	Word: leg	surf
gum	thief	tan	like	ten	at
hit	does	wag	to	hot	all

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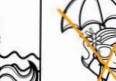
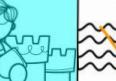
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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10	C	E	I	H
ten	gem	yes	pet	pet
B	H	A	B	
leg	jet	jet	jet	

Clue #2: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. bag	A. sit	A. hop	A. lip
B. bob	B. eat	B. hip	B. lap
C. bib	C. sub	C. hit	C. mat
D. big	D. six	D. hat	D. men
A. zit	A. fix	A. rap	A. map
B. zap	B. fit	B. dip	B. mat
C. zip	C. fin	C. ref	C. men
D. zen	D. fit	D. dip	D. map

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word: The	Word: not	Word: fox
Word: thief	Word: like	Word: surf
Word: pop	Word: cop	Word: at
Word: rot	Word: all	

Clue #4: Rhyming Pairs
Circle each set of words that rhyme.

Hug and jug	Run and bun	Cup and pup	Cab and hub
Bug and run	Bus and dig	Tug and rug	Mud and out
Hum and gum			Hut and sun

The thief likes to play in the sand.

How many rhyming matches did you circle? Write the word on the line.

- 6 = sand
- 7 = water
- 8 = surf
- 9 = floats

Clue #5: Color the Beach
Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

pot - red ball	cup - red hot	did - red chair	pin - red bird
pit - yellow ball	cap - yellow hot	dot - yellow chair	peg - yellow bird
pot - green ball	cap - green hot	dip - green chair	pin - green bird
pot - blue ball	cup - blue hot	dig - blue chair	peg - blue bird
rip - red water	hot - red kite	hat - yellow kite	ham - green kite
rip - yellow water	hot - yellow kite	hot - yellow kite	ham - blue kite
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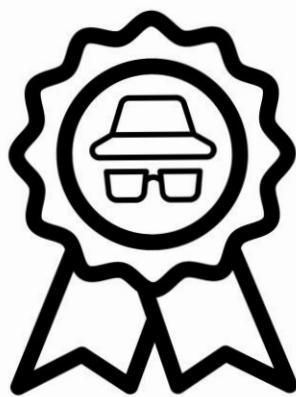
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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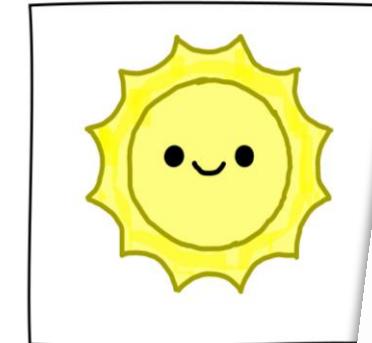
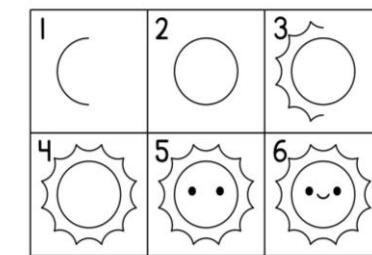
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LET'S DRAW...

a sun



LET'S DRAW...

an ice cream



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

certificate of completion

and a directed drawing

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.

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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.

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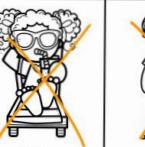
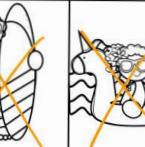
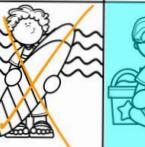
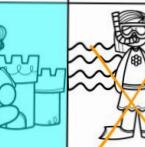
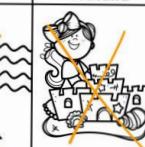
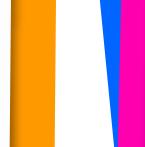
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solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Sunglasses

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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

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Descrambler

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B E A C H C H A I R

rash wish ship chin chest shed shut chop fish lunch

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Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

S A N O C A S T L E

The kid who took the sunglasses isn't near a...

Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

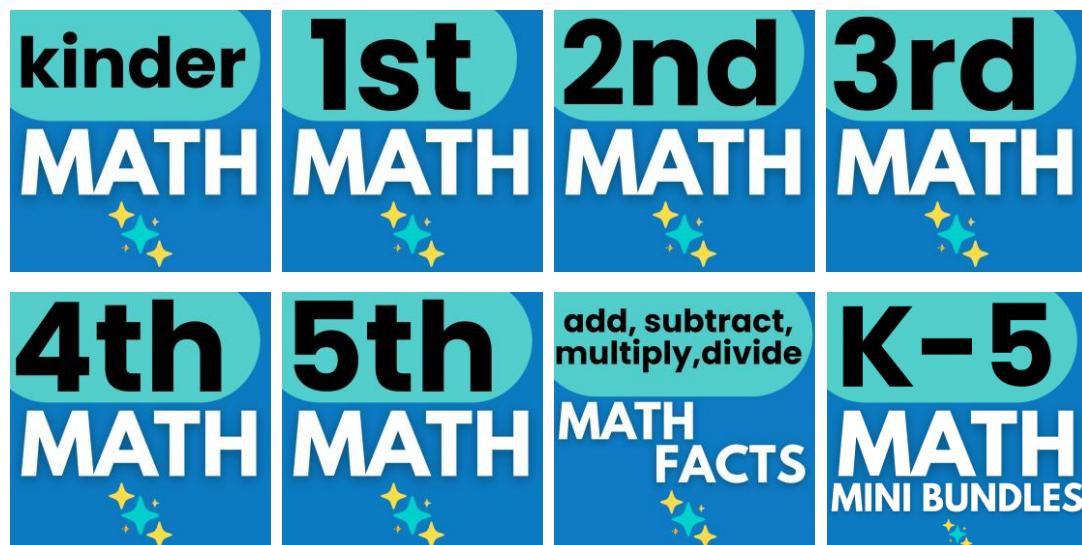
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D = ☺ J = ☺ P = ☺ V = ☺
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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

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!



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



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