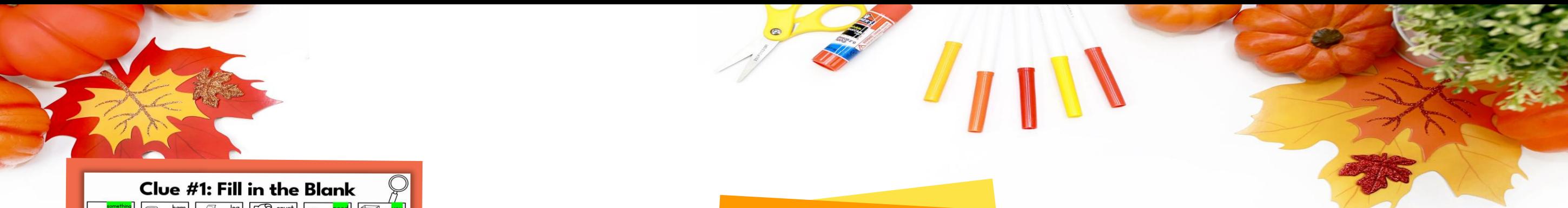


WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
someday, ham, leg, crust, need, you

Clue #2: Fork or Knife?
Which has more correct answers?
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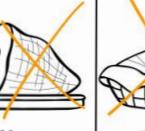
Clue #3: Color the Turkeys
What is the ending letter for each word? Circle it and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

Clue #4: Word Hunt
You need to: orange nuts, yellow plates, red nuts, brown bread, red broth, orange juice.

Clue #5: Find It!
Circle the boxes that are true. Cross out the boxes that are not. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

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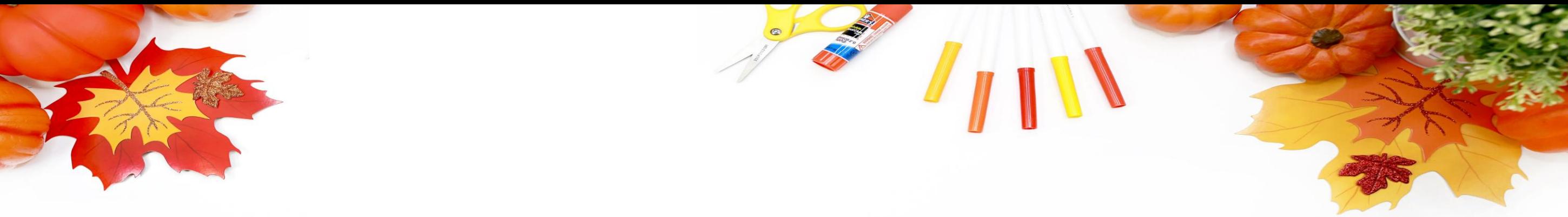
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As you solve each clue, cross out the items that do not belong. The food left at the end is what you need to bring!

 Pie	 Ham	 Bread	 Gravy
 Corn	 Turkey	 Mashed Potatoes	 Peas

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what food to bring to Thanksgiving dinner!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! You forgot what you are supposed to bring to Thanksgiving dinner! You don't want to let anyone down. Solve the clues to figure out the mystery so you can still show up with your dish!

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



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Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



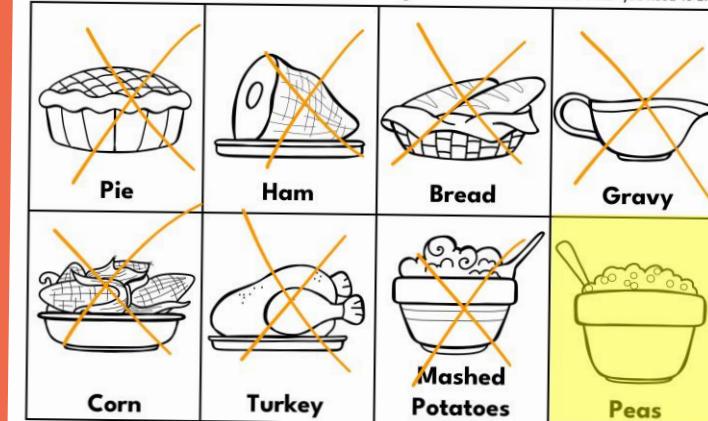
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word:	Word:	Word:			
bag	you	jam	to	lap	that
rag	don't	can	bring	nap	is
ham	need	pan	something	mat	poured

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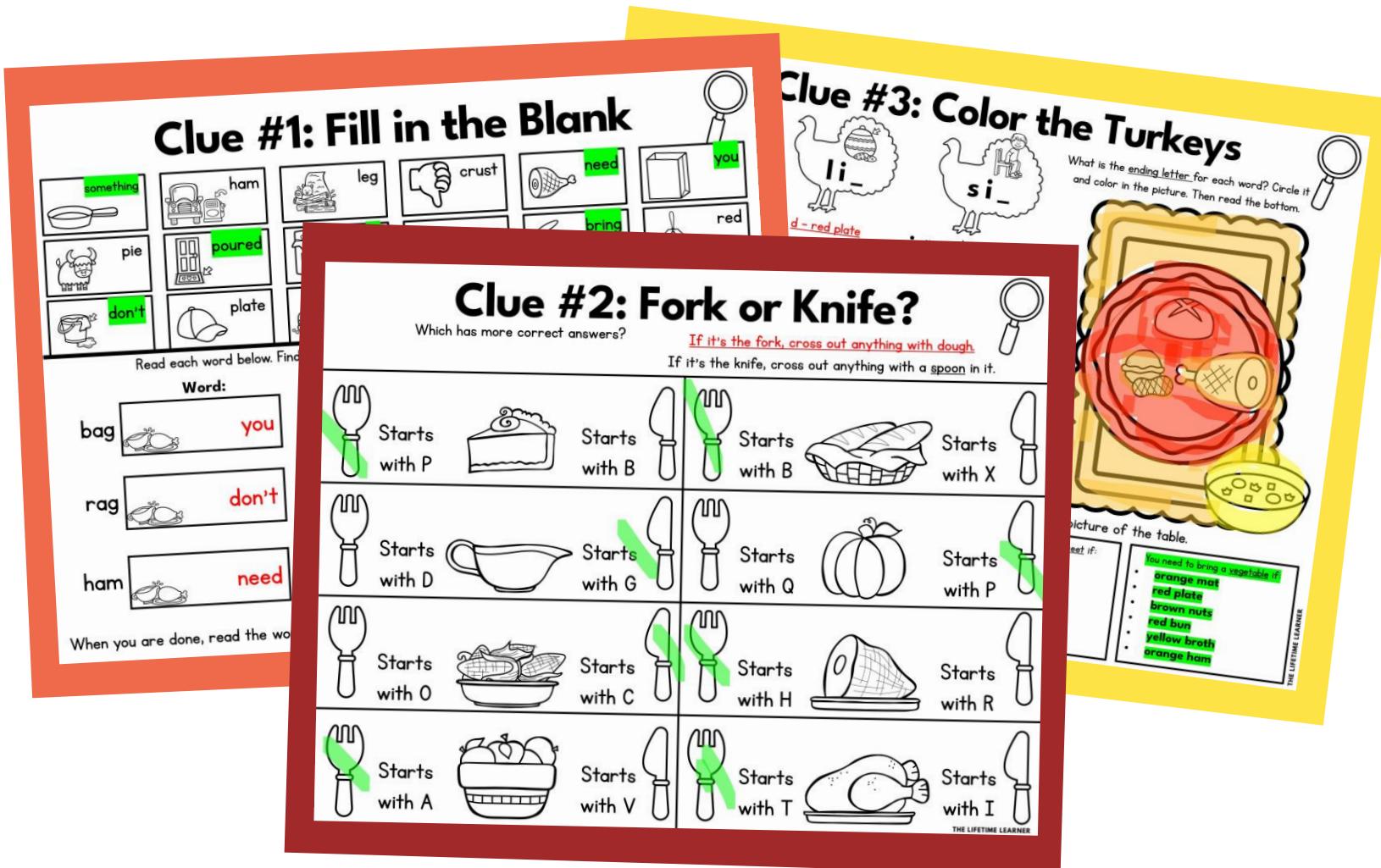
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what foods to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the Thanksgiving feast will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

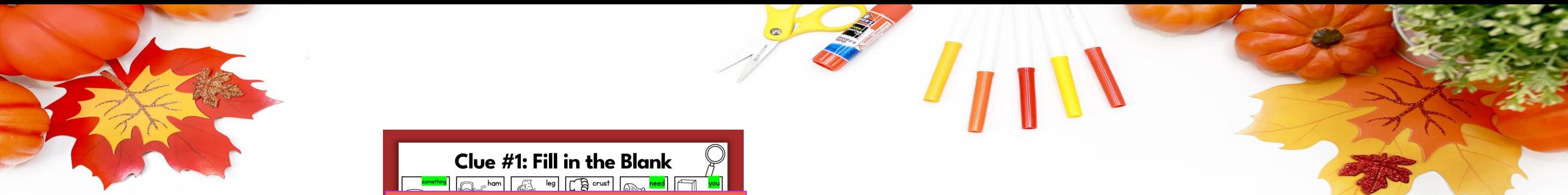


Kinder Thanksgiving Phonics Review:

- Beginning Sounds
- CVC Short A
- CVC Short I
- CVC Short Vowel Rhyming Pairs
- CVC Error Analysis A And I

All clues focus on reviewing many phonics skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

something ham leg crust need you

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Which has more correct answers? If it's the fork, cross out anything with dough. If it's the knife, cross out anything with a spoon in it.

Clue #3: Color the Turkeys

What is the ending letter for each word? Circle it and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

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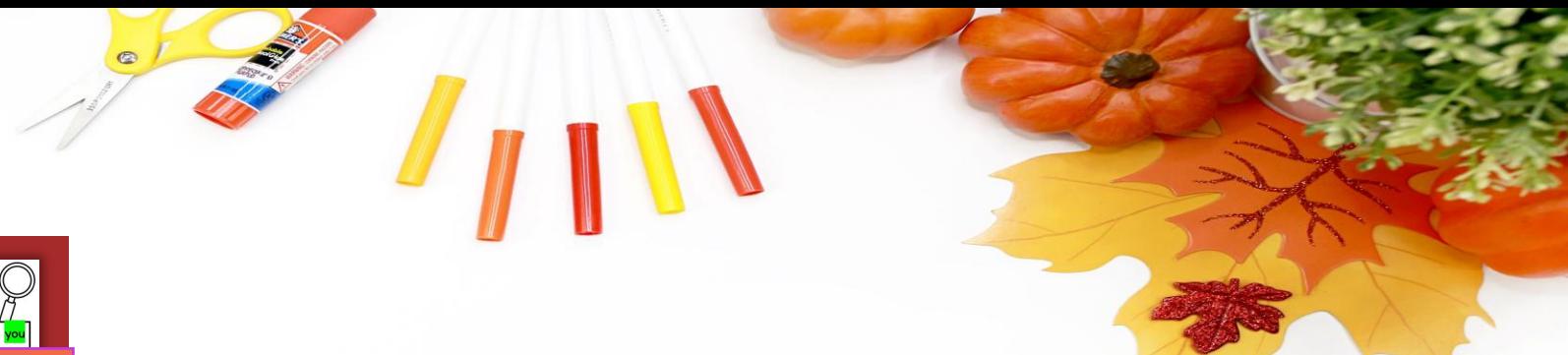
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5 Clue Version



Print & Digital Forms

Clue #3: Color the Turkeys

What is the ending letter for each word? Circle it and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

mi_
• p - red mat
• x - orange mat
• t - yellow mat
• n - brown mat
• b - red bun
• m - orange bun
• b - yellow bun
• f - brown bun
• n - red mat
• m - orange mat
• b - yellow mat
• f - brown mat
• n - red bun
• m - orange bun
• b - yellow bun
• f - brown bun

li_
• d - red plate
• p - orange plate
• l - yellow plate
• t - brown plate
• n - red nuts
• b - orange nuts
• p - yellow nuts
• t - brown nuts
• h - red ham
• r - orange ham
• g - yellow ham
• c - brown ham

si_
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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Pie	Ham	Bread	Gravy
Corn	Turkey	Mashed Potatoes	Peas

Name: _____

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.
Word: **gem** Word: **run** Word: **to** Word: **dig**
Word: **fog** Word: **pat** Word: **bring** Word: **fun**
When you are done, read _____

Clue #2: Fork or Knife?
Which has more correct answers? If it's the fork, cross out anything with a spoon in it. If it's the knife, cross out anything with dough.
yes not log hog
mug jug fin fan

Clue #3: Color the Turkeys
Circle the right ENDING and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.
• in - red mat
• in - orange mat
• in - yellow mat
• in - brown mat
• un - red plate
• un - orange plate
• un - yellow plate
• un - brown plate
• on - red ham
• on - orange ham
• on - yellow ham
• on - brown ham
• un - red broth
• un - orange broth
• un - yellow broth
• un - brown broth
Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the table.
You need to bring a _____.
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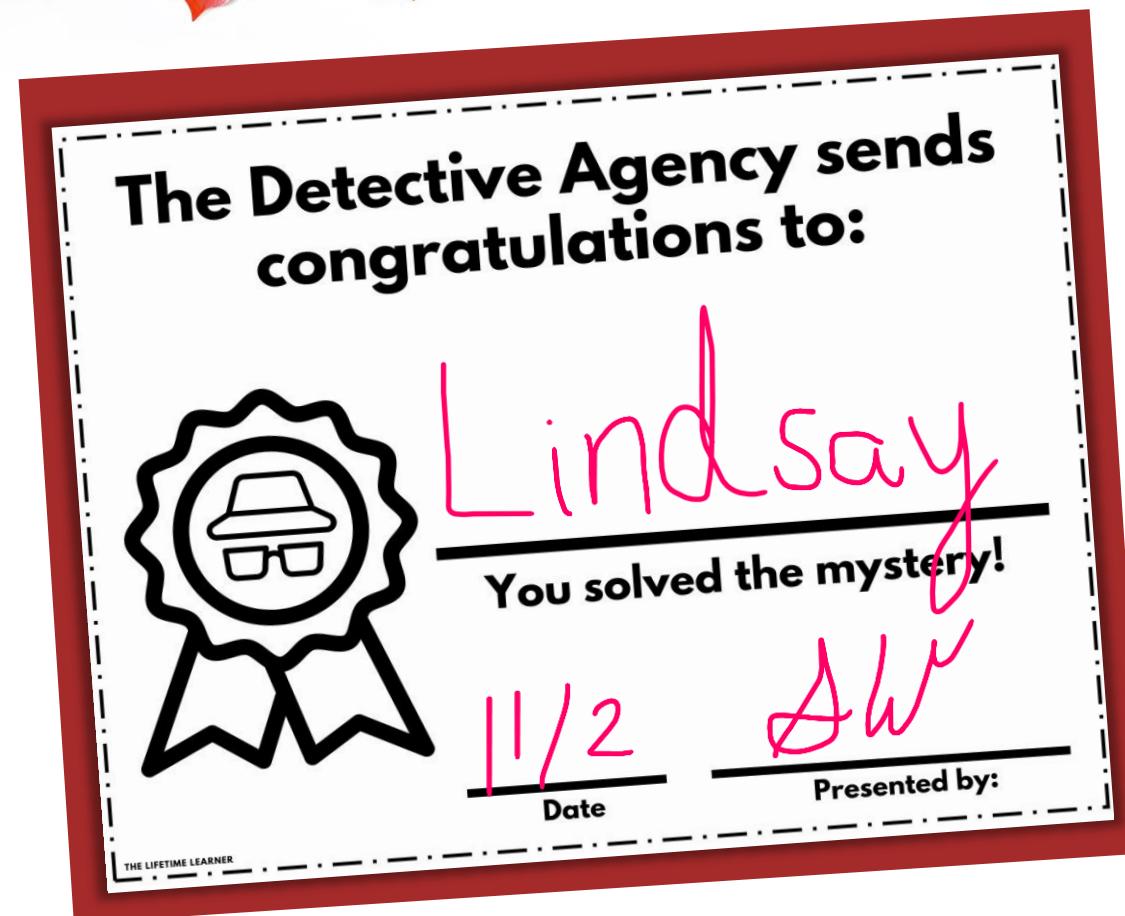
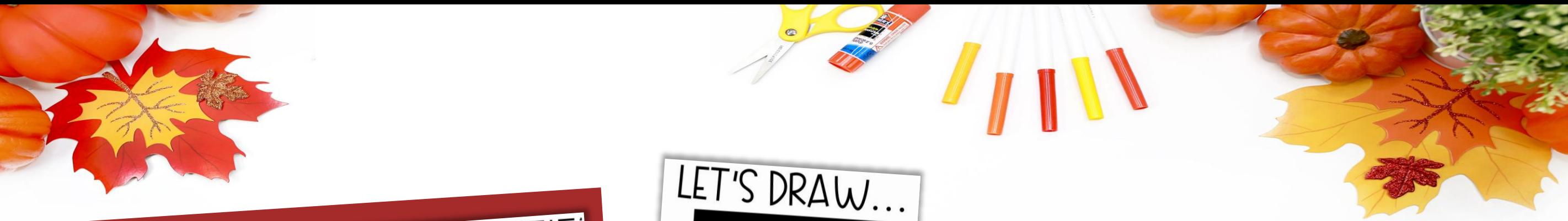
Clue #4: Word Hunt
Circle the boxes that are true. Cross out the boxes that are not. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.
The food you need to bring has **four** letters.
How many rhyming pairs do you see?
Write the number on line.

Clue #5: Find It!
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong words off your list.
The food you need to bring
YOU CAN EAT IT WITH A SPOON

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

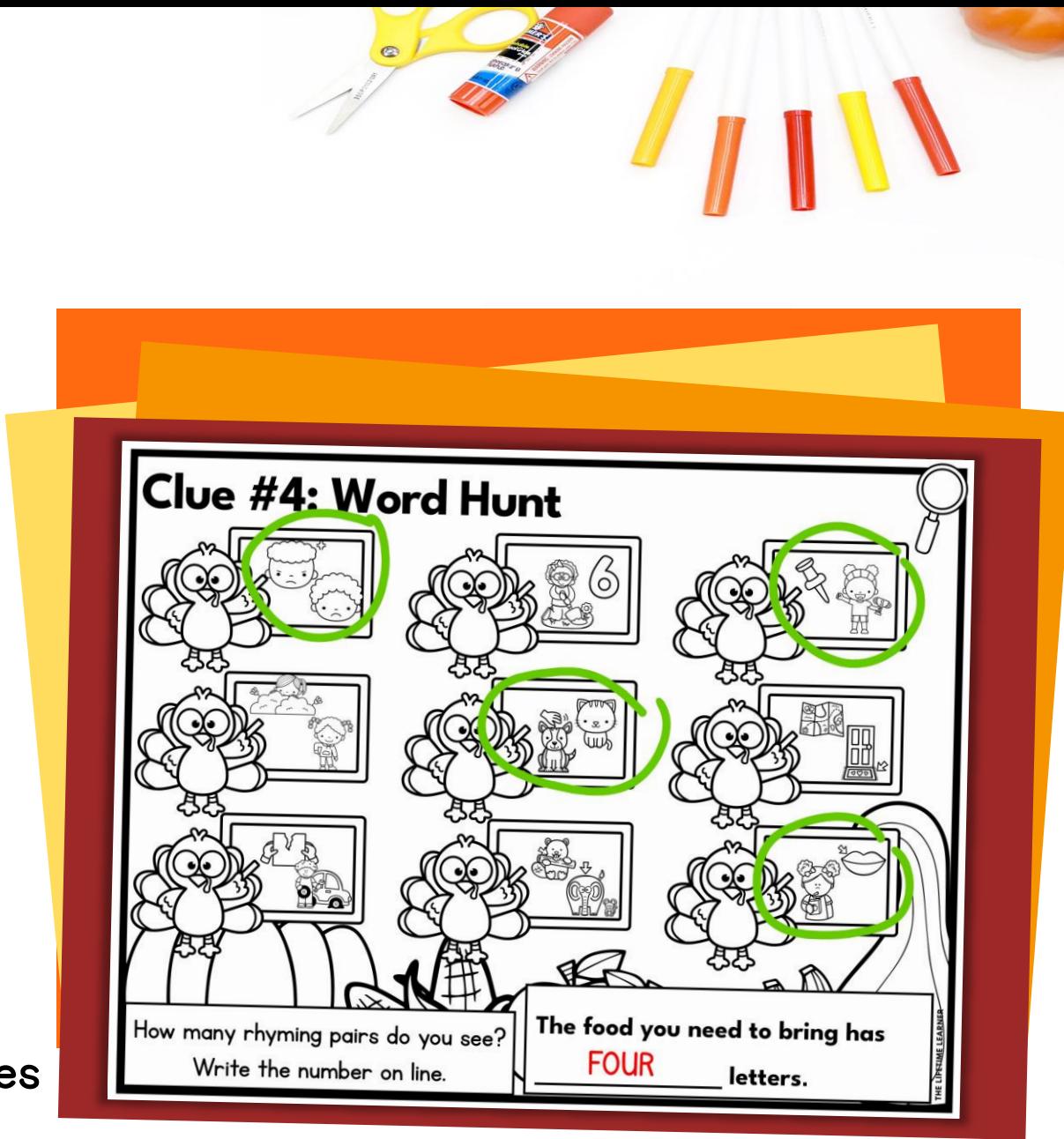


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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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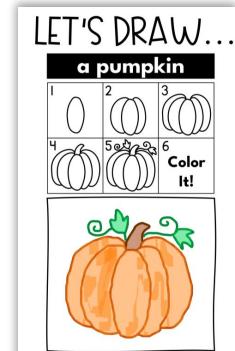
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Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong foods off your list.
The food you need to bring:
you can eat it with a spoon

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

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



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solve the mystery



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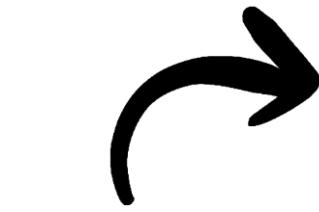
WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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: **you** Word: **lap**
jam to that
rag don't can bring nap is
ham need pan something mat poured

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: Fill in the Blank

Write the answer. Then write the word under it to find the clue.

1= bringing
2= vegetable
3= someone
4= else
5= is
6= not
7= is
8= else
9= not
10= peas

Add. Add. Add.
+ + +
3 + 3 = 6 4 + 4 = 8 5 + 2 = 7
someone else is

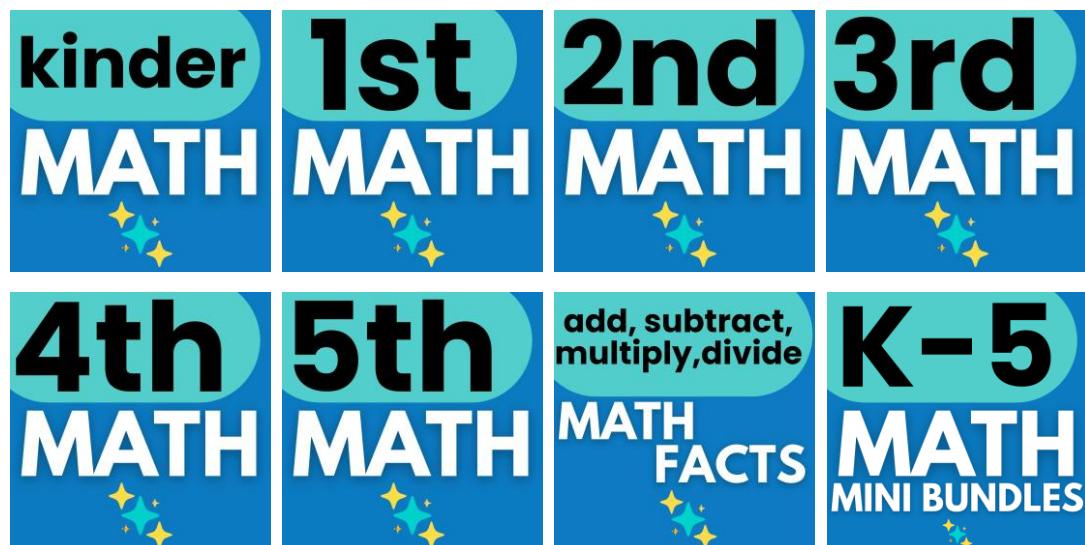
Subtract. Subtract. Subtract.
- - -
10 - 9 = 1 8 - 4 = 4 6 - 3 = 3
bringing the dessert

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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!

