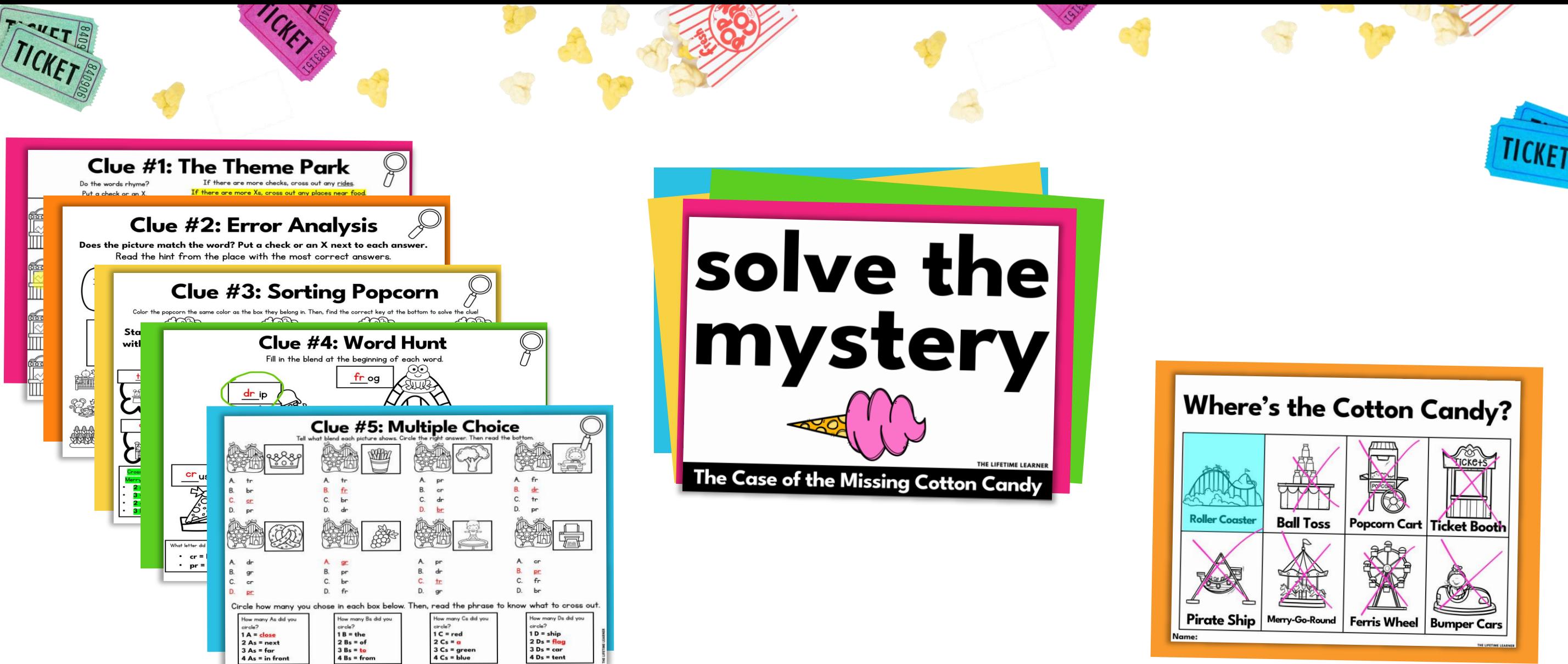


WHAT IS THIS?



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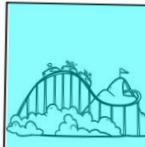
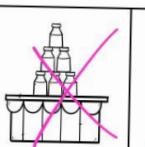
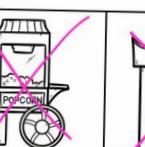
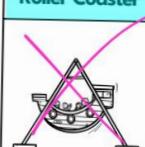
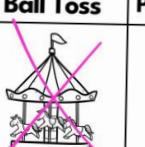
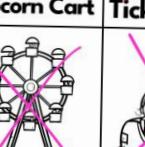
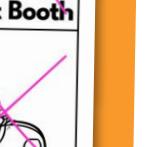
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Fill in the blend at the beginning of each word.
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Clue #5: Multiple Choice
Tell what blend each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

Where's the Cotton Candy?

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the cotton candy is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! You accidentally left your cotton candy somewhere in the theme park and can't find it. Now, it's your job to search the park and find out where it is. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the cotton candy is! Good luck!

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



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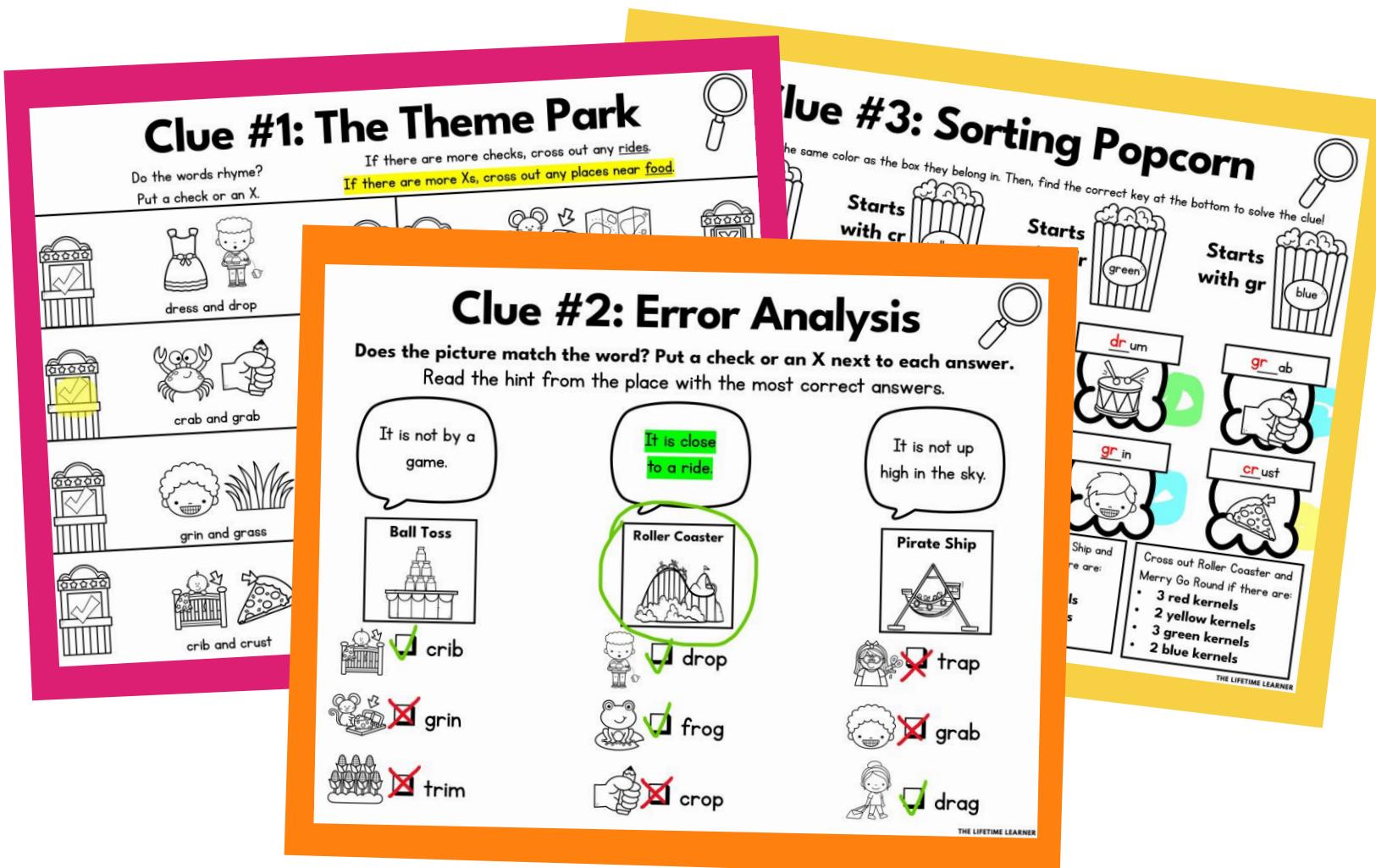
Where's the Cotton Candy?

Name: _____

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the cotton candy will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



Beginning R Blends Review:

- Identify the Beginning Blend
- Rhyming R Blends
- Error Analysis
- Onset and Rime
- Decoding R Blends

All clues focus on reviewing R Blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

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5 Clue Version

Short & Long Options

Print & Digital Forms

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tr **cr** **dr** **gr**
Cross out the Ferris Wheel and Merry Go Round if there are:
• 2 red kernels
• 3 yellow kernels
• 2 green kernels
• 3 blue kernels

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Cross out the Bumper Cars and Pirate Ship if there are:
• 2 red kernels
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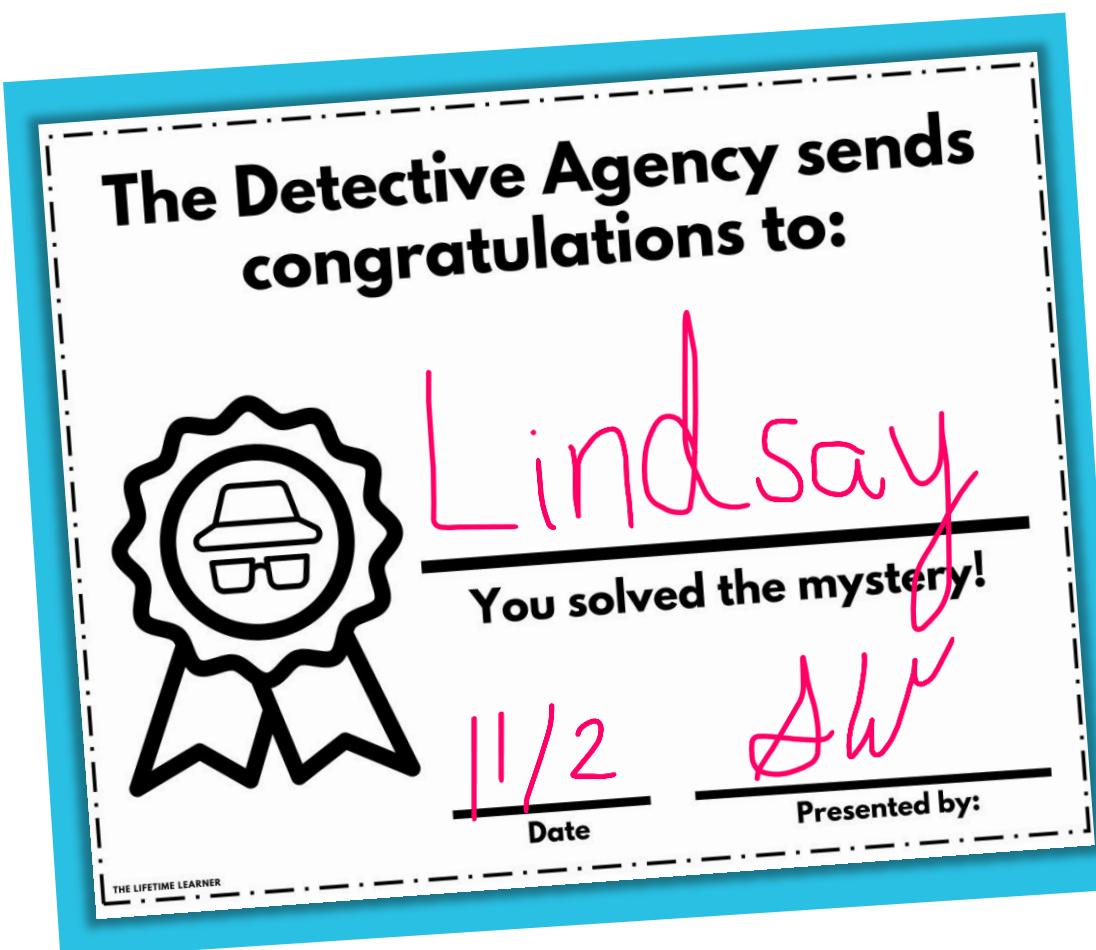
CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

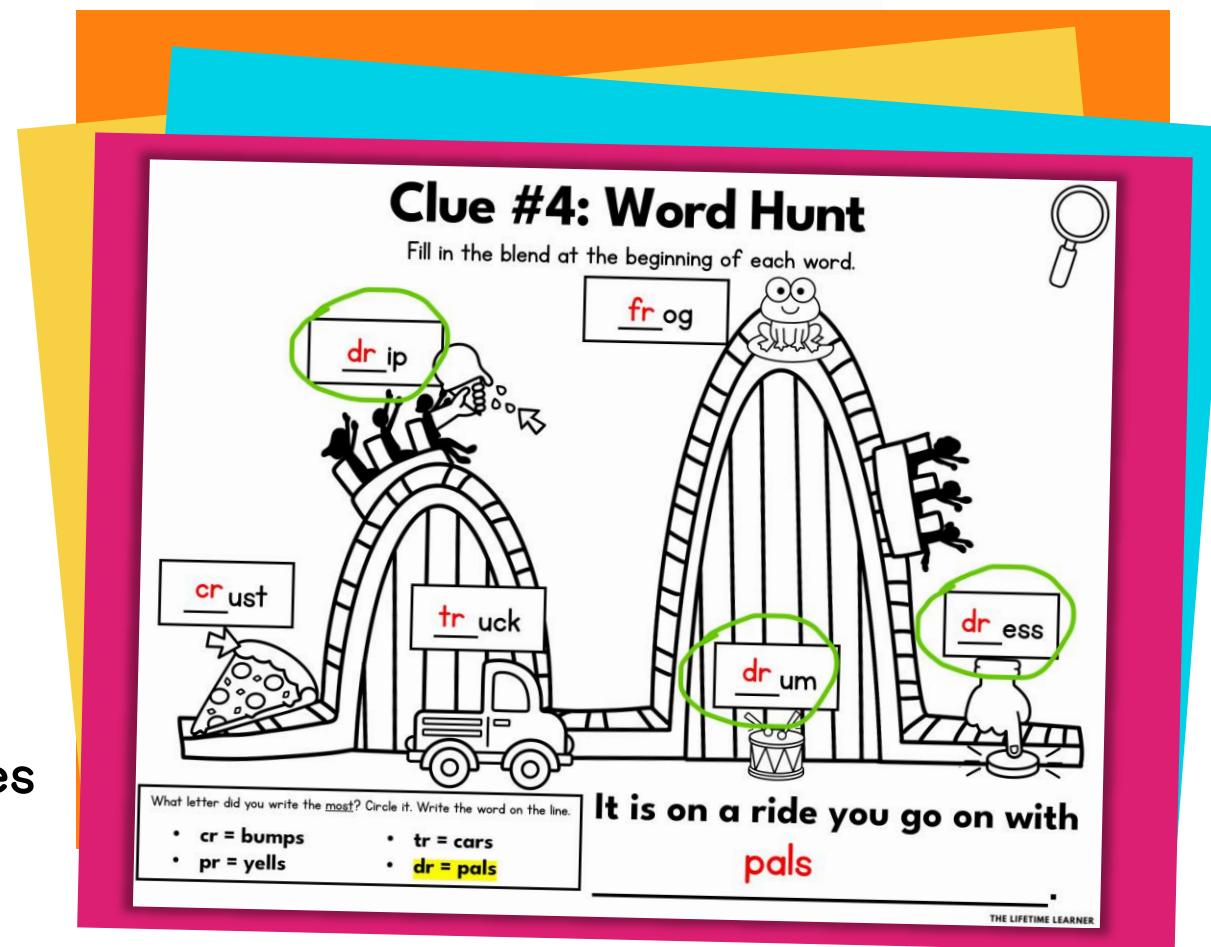


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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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Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

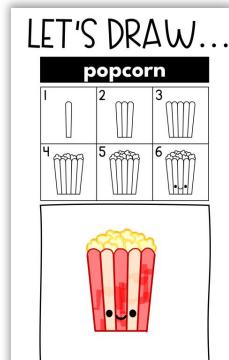
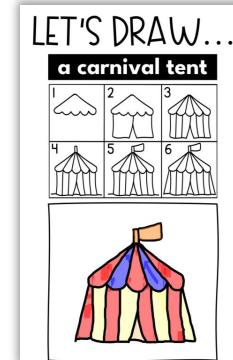
How many As did you circle?
1 A = close
2 As = next
3 As = far
4 As = in front

How many Bs did you circle?
1 B = the
2 Bs = of
3 Bs = to
4 Bs = from

How many Cs did you circle?
1 C = red
2 Cs = a
3 Cs = green
4 Cs = blue

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = ship
2 Ds = flag
3 Ds = car
4 Ds = tent

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:
Lindsay
You solved the mystery!
11/2 AW



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Name: _____

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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

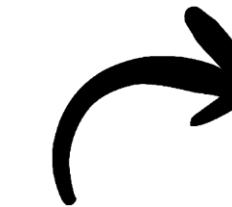
They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

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

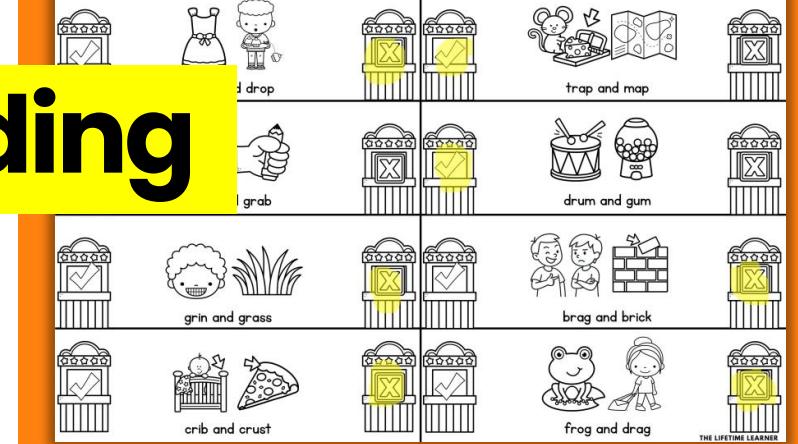


Math



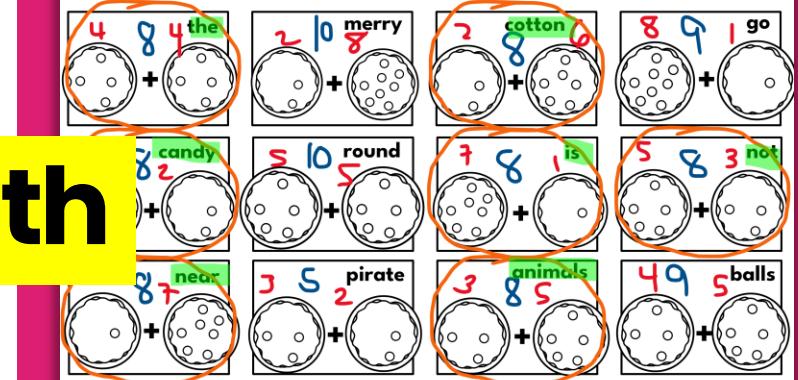
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Clue #1: Find It!

Solve each question. Circle the boxes that equal 8.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

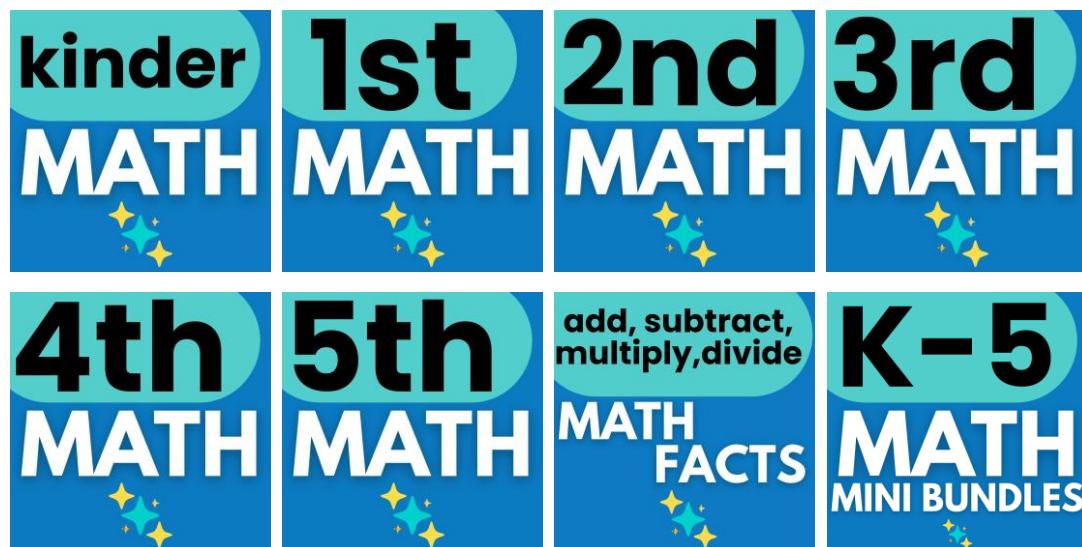


The cotton candy is not near animals

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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