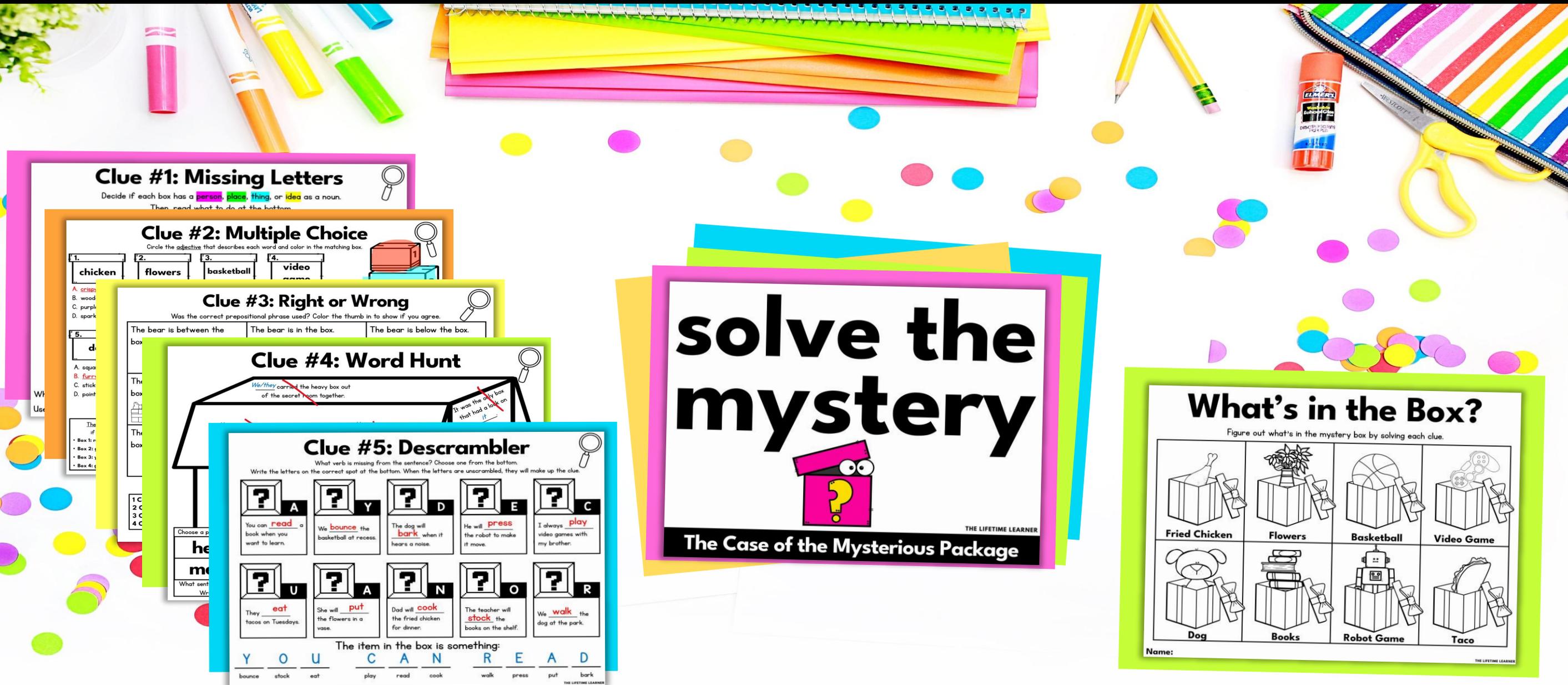


WHAT IS THIS?



Students complete a series of clues to figure out what's in the mystery box!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

This morning, a mysterious box arrived on your doorstep. You don't know what's inside, but it's up to you to figure it out by completing a set of clues.

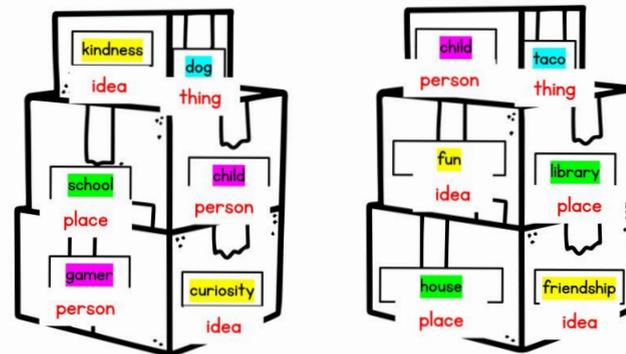
1. Take a list of mystery items and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what is inside the mystery box.
3. Cross out wrong boxes each time you find out new information. Good luck!



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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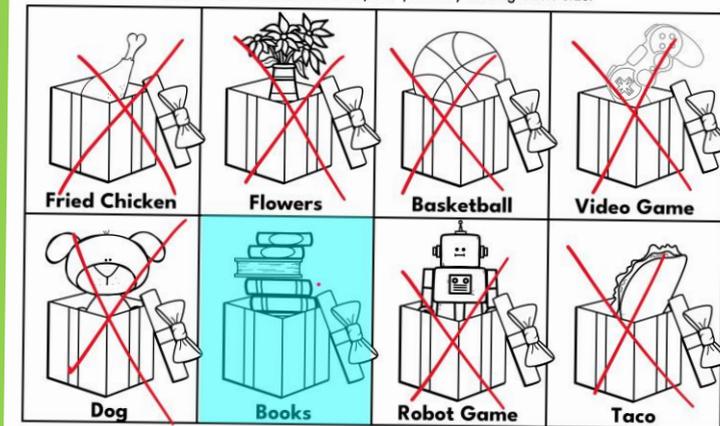


Which type of noun did you see the **most**?
Use that answer to cross off wrong items.

The item in the box does NOT have:
Person: 5 letters Thing: 9 letters
Place: 6 letters Ideas: 4 letters

What's in the Box?

Figure out what's in the mystery box by solving each clue.



Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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

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

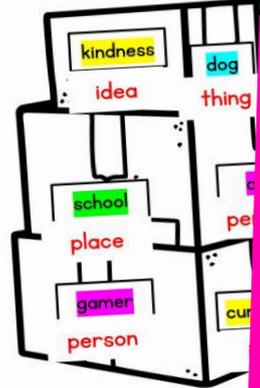
SKILL PRACTICE

Parts of Speech Review:

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions

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Which type of noun did you see?
Use that answer to cross off

Clue #3: Right or Wrong

Choose the correct prepositional phrase used? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.



Clue #2: Multiple Choice

Circle the **adjective** that describes each word and color in the matching box.

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

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All clues focus on reviewing parts of speech!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Circle the adjective that describes each word and color in the matching box.

Clue #3: Right or Wrong
Was the correct prepositional phrase used? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

3 Clue Version

How many boxes were correct?
1 Correct = A meat is not in the box.
2 Correct = A sport is not in the box.
3 Correct = A food is not in the box.
4 Correct = A pet that barks is in not in the box.
5 Correct = An animal is not in the box.
6 Correct = A game is not in the box.
7 Correct = A toy is not in the box.
8 Correct = A book is not in the box.

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Clue #4: Word Hunt
What verb is missing from the sentence? Choose one from the bottom. Write the letters on the correct spot at the bottom. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Clue #5: Descrambler
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5 Clue Version

The item in the box is something:
Y O U C A N R E A D
bounce stock eat play read cook walk press put bark

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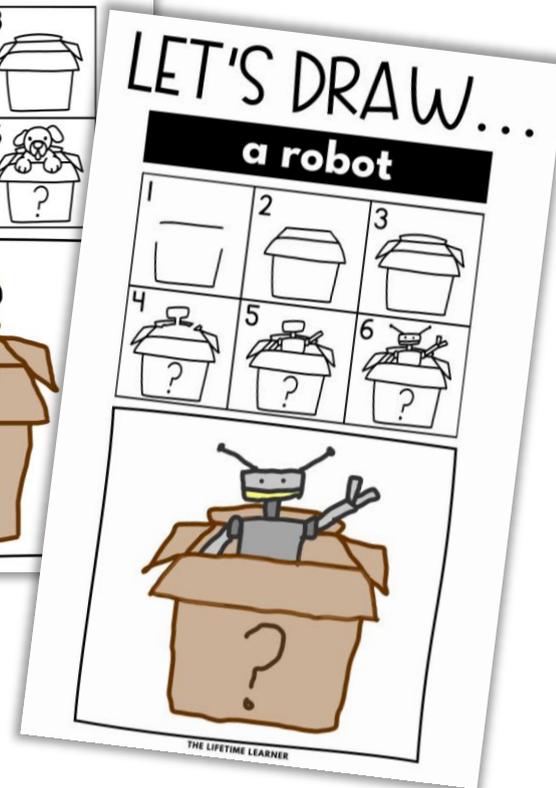
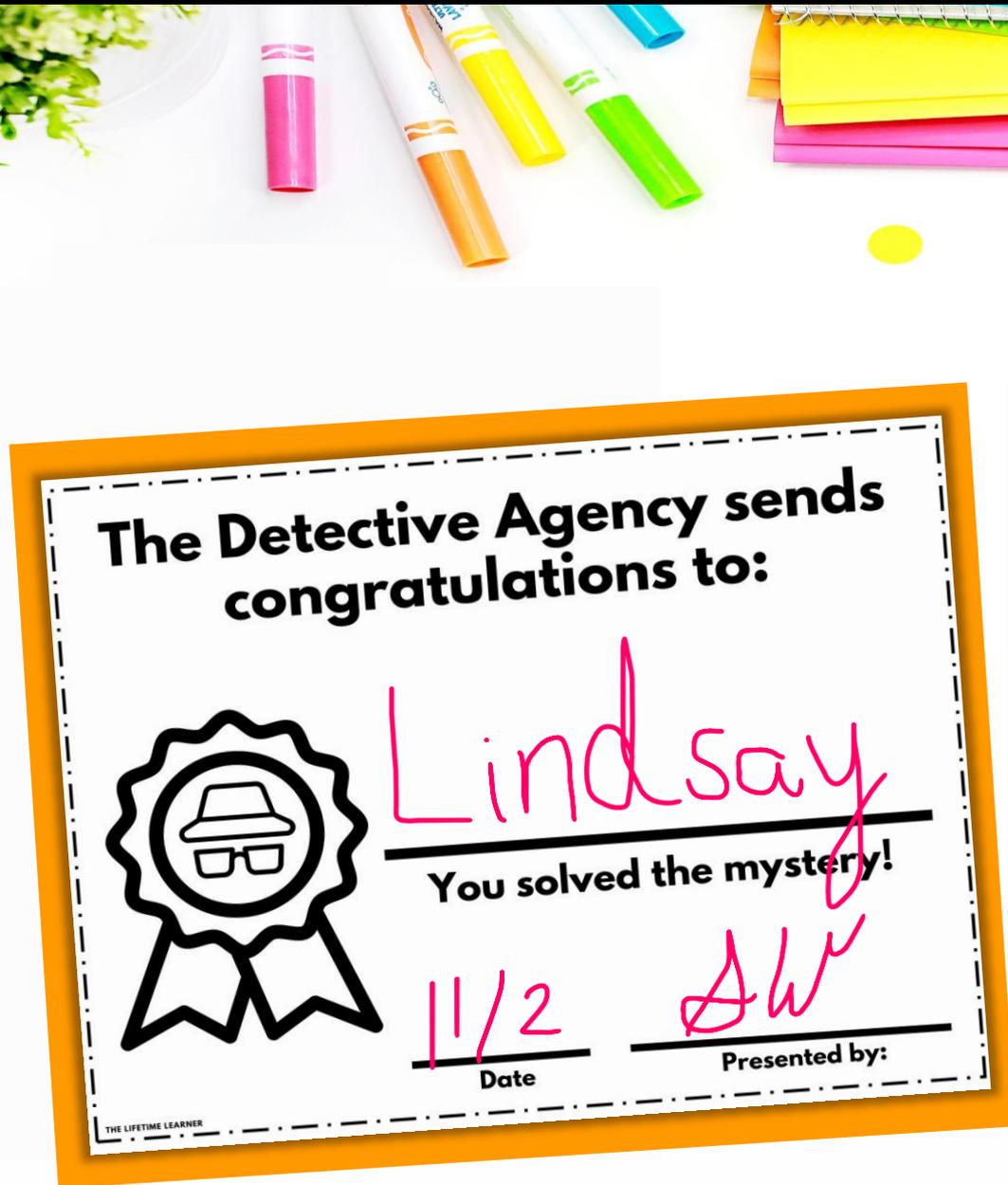
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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

GRAMMAR MYSTERY BENEFITS

- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Grammar Standards
- Perfect for Review Days

Clue #4: Word Hunt

~~We/they~~ carried the heavy box out of the secret room together.

~~You~~ must solve all the clues to open the box.

~~He~~ put the note inside the box when his mom wasn't looking.

~~It~~ was the only box that had a lock on it.

The thief left a message for me inside the box.

~~We/they~~ both found the hidden box buried beneath the floor.

The basketball flew through the air and swished right into the hoop.

Choose a pronoun from below and fill in each sentence.

he	you	it
me	they	we

What sentence is left? What word goes in that blank?
Write that word on the line to the right.

Cross out the item that goes in a hoop.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

This works well for grades 2-5 in partners, teams, or even in small groups at the teacher table!

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary grammar worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

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

GRAMMAR MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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Clue #3: Right or Wrong
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The bear is between the boxes.	The bear is in the box.	The bear is below the box.
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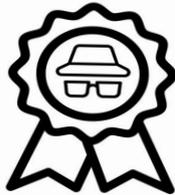
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? A You can <u>read</u> a book when you want to learn.	? Y We <u>bounce</u> the basketball at recess.	? D The dog will <u>bark</u> when it hears a noise.	? E He will <u>press</u> the robot to make it move.	? C I always <u>play</u> video games with my brother.
? U They <u>eat</u> tacos on Tuesdays.	? A She will <u>put</u> the flowers in a vase.	? N Dad will <u>cook</u> the fried chicken for dinner.	? O The teacher will <u>stock</u> the books on the shelf.	? R We <u>walk</u> the dog at the park.

The item in the box is something:
Y O U C A N R E A D
bounce stock eat play read cook walk press put bark

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay
You solved the mystery!

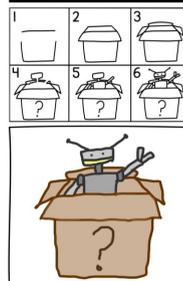
11/2 Date
AW Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...
a puppy



1 2 3
4 5 6

LET'S DRAW...
a robot



1 2 3
4 5 6

What's in the Box?
Figure out what's in the mystery box by solving each clue.

Fried Chicken	Flowers	Basketball	Video Game
Dog	Books	Robot Game	Taco

Name: _____

solve the mystery



The Case of the Mysterious Package

WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?



Reading

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.

Example of Clue 1

Math

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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.

17	15	10	18	8	19	16	14
8	19	14	15	17	10	16	18
6+2	11+8	7+7	5+10	3+11	2+8	9+7	13+5
N	O	T	R	O	U	N	D

The item in the box is...

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

A = [apple]	G = [guitar]	M = [mushroom]	S = [squirrel]	Y = [yarn]
B = [bell]	H = [hat]	N = [nose]	T = [tent]	Z = [zebra]
C = [candy]	I = [ice cream]	O = [orange]	U = [umbrella]	
D = [dollar]	J = [jelly]	P = [pizza]	V = [van]	
E = [egg]	K = [kitten]	Q = [queen]	W = [wheel]	
F = [fish]	L = [leaf]	R = [rabbit]	X = [x-ray]	

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.



BUY A BUNDLE TO SAVE BIG!

