

WHAT IS THIS?



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B U Y G I F T S
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The Case of the Missing Mailman

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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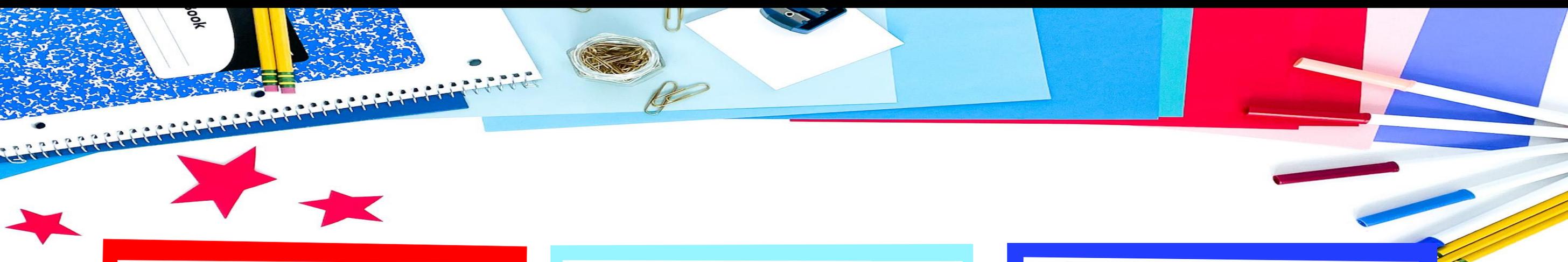
 X Shoe Store	 X Car Repair Shop	 X Toy Store	 Home Repair Shop
 X Candy Store	 X Post Office	 X Flower Shop	 X Jewelry Shop

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You need to get in touch with your mailman, but you can't find him anywhere! You know that he's somewhere around town but can't figure out the right place. Help find out where he is by solving the clues.

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 mailman is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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yellow nouns	red verbs	green adjectives	blue adverbs
carefully	mailman	white	thick
mailbox	busy	thin	early
delivers			

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>toys</u> if you see: | The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>cars</u> if you see: | The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>shoes</u> if you see: | The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>gems</u> if you see: |
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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 missing mailman will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Parts of Speech Review:

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions

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yellow nouns
red verbs

carefully mailman
mailbox busy

The mailman is not near any toys if you see:
• 1 yellow note
• 2 red notes
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The mailman is 3 years old.
• 3 years
• 0 years
• 2 years
• 5 years

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Post Office Past Tense
The mailman picked up a box and left. He is not here.

Flower Shop Present Tense
The mailman hates flowers. He is not here.

Shoe Store Future Tense
The mailman thinks it stinks in the shop. He is not here.

The mailman found a torn envelope near the gate.

The package disappeared before the mail truck returned.

A dog watches him from behind the fence.

The mailman checks each house carefully.

The mystery will surprise everyone on the street.

He will return tomorrow to check again.

The mailman will report the missing package to his boss.

He notices that one mailbox is wide open.

Someone left muddy footprints by the mailbox.

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pay envelope foot go
not
uniform fix
honesty place
key smell

Put your list.

All clues focus on reviewing parts of speech!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong places off your list.
not a place kids go

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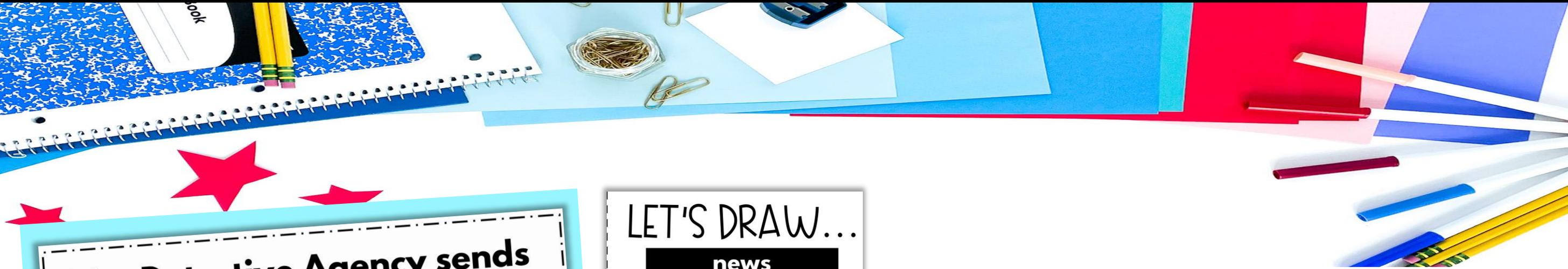
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

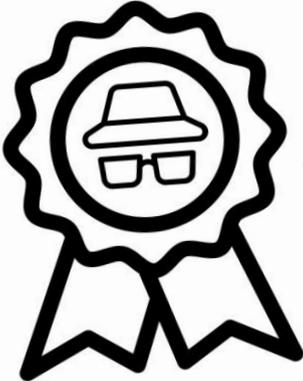


The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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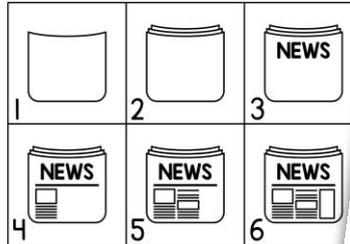


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LET'S DRAW...

news

1	2	3
4	5	6



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a house

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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

Cross out the following prepositional phrases:

- in the mailbox
- around the mailbox
- behind the desk
- under her feet
- between the boxes
- in front of the door

The mailman is not at a place with a:

car or candy

What 2 pictures are left? Write the 2 words on the line.

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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.

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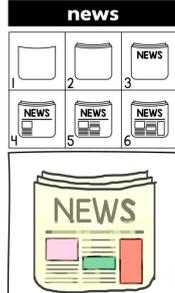
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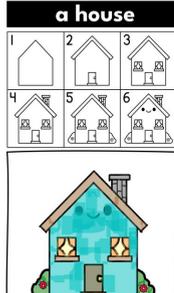
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

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mailbox, busy, thin, early, delivers, white, thick, organized

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• 2 blue notes

The mailman is not near any cars if you see:
• 3 yellow notes
• 0 red notes
• 2 green notes
• 5 blue notes

The mailman is not near any shoes if you see:
• 2 yellow notes
• 2 red notes
• 4 green notes
• 2 blue notes

The mailman is not near any pens if you see:
• 2 yellow notes
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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Right or Wrong?

Color the envelope green if the answer is correct. Color the envelope red if it's wrong.

12:35, 4:55, 8:35, 8:40, 5:05, 5:50, 7:45, 10:20, 10:20, 2:40, 1:05

How many answers were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out the jewelry shop.
2 Correct = Cross out the toy store.
3 Correct = Cross out the shoe store.
4 Correct = Cross out the post office.

5 Correct = Cross out the flower shop.
6 Correct = Cross out the car repair shop.
7 Correct = Cross out the candy store.
8 Correct = Cross out the home repair shop.

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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