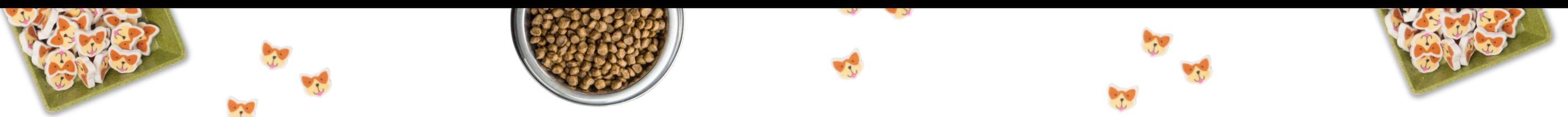


# WHAT IS THIS?



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 A. colorful B. wet C. <del>hot</del> D. slippery	 A. <del>huge</del> B. playful C. soft D. young	 A. slimy B. green C. tiny D. <del>dry</del>	 A. fast B. <del>sharp</del> C. feathered D. smart

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**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the New Pet**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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 I have a brown tail. <b>Mouse</b>	 I have blue fins. <b>Fish</b>	 I have blue feathers. <b>Bird</b>	 I have green spots. <b>Snake</b>
 I have white ears. <b>Rabbit</b>	 I have brown fur. <b>Dog</b>	 I have white stripes. <b>Cat</b>	 I have a green shell. <b>Turtle</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what animal the new pet is!

# HOW TO PLAY

## What Happened?

Yay! My parents got me a new pet! They've given me clues to figure out what animal it is. Help me by solving each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what my new pet is!

1. Take a pet list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which pet is mine.
3. Cross out wrong pets each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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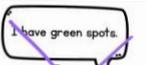
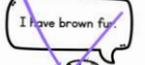
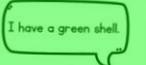
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The pet you got is:

**N O T      W H I T E**  
squawked    hissed    swam      chased    hopped    stamped    squeaked    meowed

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# SKILL PRACTICE

## Parts of Speech Review:

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions

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squawked    hissed    sw

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How many boxes were correct?  
More green answers = The pet you got has no beak.  
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**Clue #3: Sorting Paw Prints**  
The same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

yellow    green    blue    purple  
verbs    adverbs    prepositions

The bunny slept  
The hamster ate  
A slimy frog  
The mouse ran

Cross out pets with a shell if there are:  
• 3 red prints  
• 3 yellow prints  
• 2 green prints  
• 1 blue print  
• 1 purple print

**All clues focus on reviewing parts of speech!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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**3 Clue Version**

red nouns, yellow verbs, green adjectives, blue adverbs, purple prepositions

The dog barked, The hamster ate, The mouse ran, The fish swam slowly

Cross out pets who bark if there are: • 1 red print • 1 yellow print • 3 green prints • 3 blue prints • 2 purple prints	Cross out pets with no legs if there are: • 3 red prints • 2 yellow prints • 1 green print • 3 blue prints • 1 purple print	Cross out pets with fur if there are: • 3 red prints • 2 yellow prints • 1 green print • 2 blue prints • 1 purple print	Cross out pets with a shell if there are: • 3 red prints • 3 yellow prints • 2 green prints • 1 blue print • 1 purple print
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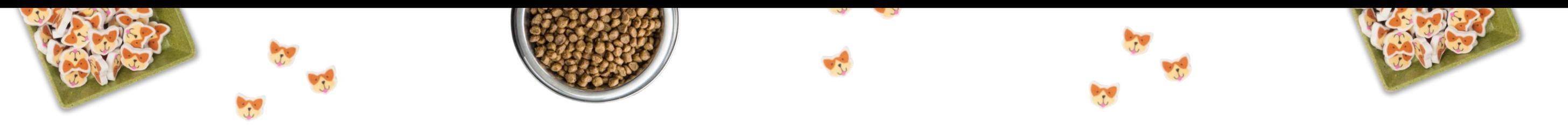
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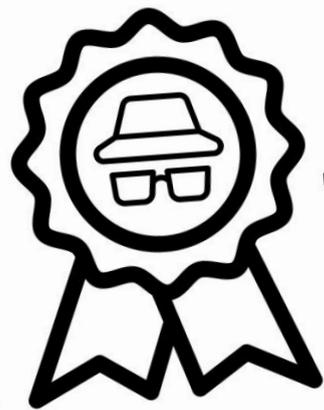
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## Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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Lindsay

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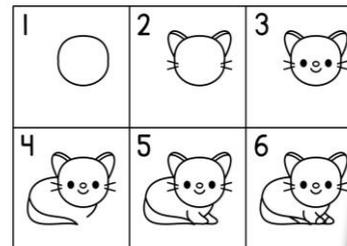
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LET'S DRAW...

a dog



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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**  
Fill in each sentence with an uncountable noun from the bottom.

The parrot loves to eat rice as a snack.

The pet shop owner puts fresh hay on the bottom of the hamster's cage.

The turtle is enjoying the fresh sand at the bottom of his tank.

It takes me forever to brush my cat's fur.

The goldfish only comes to the top when he needs air.

I don't think he enjoys cleaning out the litter box.

The dog is thrilled that you filled up his bowl with kibble.

Use the word bank below to fill in each sentence.  
• hay • kibble • air • fur  
• sand • rice • water • litter  
What word is left out? Write the word on the line.

**The pet does not live in**  
water

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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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

Example of Clue 1

Math

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### Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write what numbers comes next when skip counting by 5s. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

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rs: 355	730	545	240	955	890	475	210	665	
340,345,	715,720,	530,535,	225,230,	940,945,	875,880,	460,465,	195,200,	650,655,	
350,...	725,...	540,...	235,...	950,...	885,...	470,...	205,...	660,...	
rs: H	A	S	N	O	F	E	E	T	

You did NOT get any pet that... Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

A = 	G = 	M = 	S = 	Y = 
B = 	H = 	N = 	T = 	Z = 
C = 	I = 	O = 	U = 	
D = 	J = 	P = 	V = 	
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F = 	L = 	R = 	X = 	

# 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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