

WHAT IS THIS?



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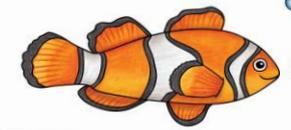
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This animal:

S Q U I R T S I N K
silently shony octopus salty submarine coral crab slowly deep treasure

solve the mystery



The Case of the Scuba Diver

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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what sea creature you saw!

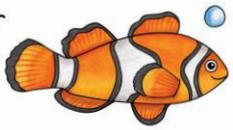
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

On your scuba diving trip, you had a great time exploring the sea. The problem is that you don't know which type of ocean creature you saw! Now, you need to solve some clues to figure out which animal it was. Solve the mystery so you can tell your friends about your scuba adventure.

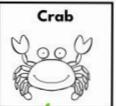
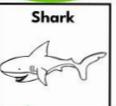
1. Take a list of sea animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal you saw.
3. Cross out the wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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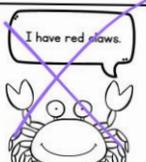
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<p>I have sharp claws. You did not see any sharp claws!</p>  <p>Crab</p>	<p>I have sharp teeth. You did not see any sharp teeth!</p>  <p>Shark</p>	<p>I have a green shell. You did not see a green shell.</p>  <p>Sea Turtle</p>
<p>verb ✓ The crab loves to jump in the sea.</p>	<p>adverb ✓ The friendly shark will meet other fish.</p>	<p>noun ✓ Its shell is blue and green.</p>
<p>noun ✗ The crab hid under a big board.</p>	<p>adjective ✓ The shark has a strong tail.</p>	<p>adverb ✗ The shell is very plain and smooth.</p>
<p>adjective ✗ The crab goes on the boat to sail.</p>	<p>noun ✓ The shark swims near the hole in the rock.</p>	<p>pronoun ✓ The turtle will peek out of its shell.</p>

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What Did I See in the Ocean?

Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

<p>I have red fins.</p>  <p>Pufferfish</p>	<p>I have yellow tentacles.</p>  <p>Octopus</p>	<p>I have a blue nose.</p>  <p>Dolphin</p>	<p>I have green tentacles.</p>  <p>Jellyfish</p>
<p>I have red claws.</p>  <p>Crab</p>	<p>I have a blue tail.</p>  <p>Shark</p>	<p>I have a green shell.</p>  <p>Sea Turtle</p>	<p>I have a yellow face.</p>  <p>Seahorse</p>

Name: _____

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what sea creature to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the scuba diver will be solved!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Word Bank

• together (I)	• searched (E)	• shore (N)	• scampered (L)	• softly (A)	• under (E)
• missing (T)	• tiny (T)	• hurried (A)	• strange (S)	• friends (O)	

3 Clue Version

You did:

N	O	T	S	E	A	T	A	I	L
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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5 Clue Version

This animal:

S	Q	U	I	R	T	S	I	N	K
identify	shy	octopus	softly	submarine	coral	crab	slowly	deep	treasure

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Same part of speech: green
Different part of speech: red

• ship	• dock	• seal	• sand	• reef
• flip	• rock	• eel	• stand	
• shell	• whale	• whale	• beach	
• fell	• tail	• sail	• reach	

Cross out any blue creatures if there are:
• 6 green coral
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• 5 green coral
• 3 red coral

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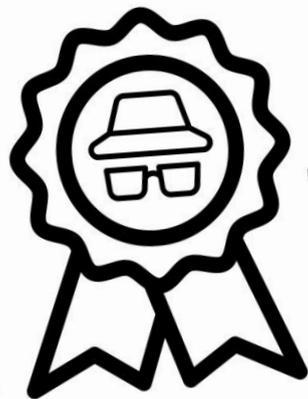
Cross out any yellow creatures if there are:
• 7 green coral
• 3 red coral

Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

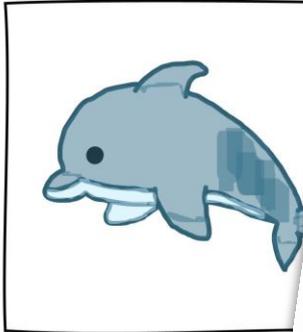
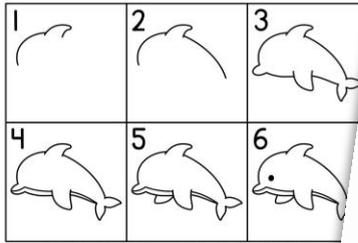
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Date

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Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

a dolphin



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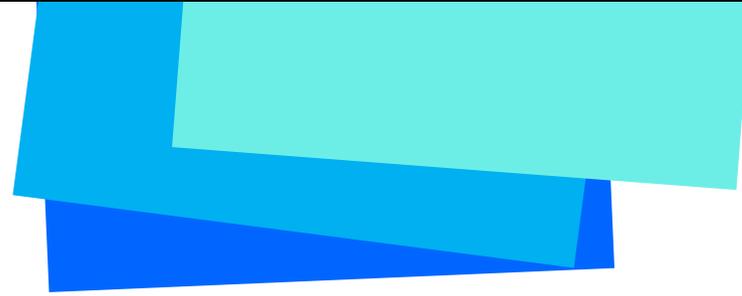
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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

Find a synonym for each part of speech below. Write them in.

NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES	ADVERBS
• ocean	• swim	• blue	• gently
• boat	• splash	• calm	• loudly

What shark picture is left? Write that word on the line.

This animal does not make a **nest**.

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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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Lindsay
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Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW... a dolphin

LET'S DRAW... a fish

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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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Sea Turtle	I have a green shell. You did not see a green shell.	noun	✓
	Its shell is blue and green.	adverb	✗
	The shell is very plain and smooth.	pronoun	✓

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Sorting Fish

Figure out the answer to each fish. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Fish	Equation	Color
Crab	5	brown
Crab	8	purple
Crab	12	green
Crab	15	blue
Fish	20-5	blue
Fish	11-6	brown
Fish	16-4	green
Fish	10-2	purple
Fish	17-5	green
Fish	16-8	purple
Fish	14-9	brown
Fish	18-3	blue

Key	Animals
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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!**

