

WHAT IS THIS?



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The Case of the Big Race

Who Won the Race?

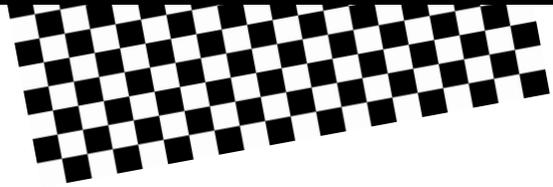
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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who won the race!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You forgot to watch the big race on TV last night. Now, you're going to need to solve some clues to figure out who won! Help figure out who came in 1st place so you'll be able to chat with friends about the winner.

1. Take a list of racers and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who won the race.
3. Cross out wrong race cars each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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speedy shiny driver trophy safely track flag loud



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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which racers to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the big race will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Parts of Speech Review:

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions

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S
I'm a car that goes faster than most. What am I?

N
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L
I'm a noun that you can see at the top of a race. What am I?

N O T

speedy shiny drive

Clue #3: Error Analysis

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The winner's name has more than 3 letters.

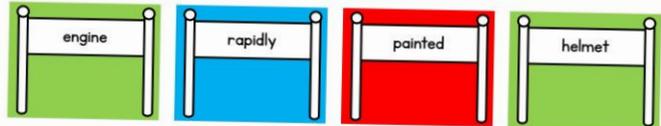
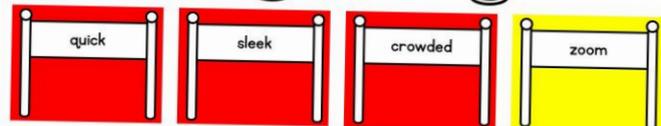


Future Tense:

- noun** The driver will race again next week.
- adverb** He will check the engine tomorrow.
- adjective** The team will win the next big race.

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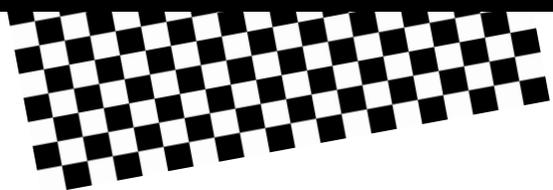
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MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

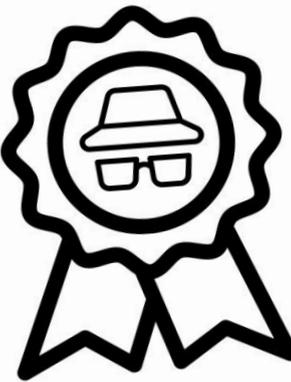


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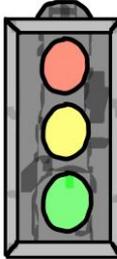
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a traffic light

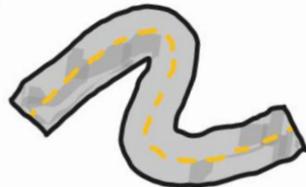
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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

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Which part of speech is not in the picture?
Circle it below. Write the word on the line.

- noun = boy
- verb = red color
- pronoun = girl
- adjective = black color

The winner was not a girl.

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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!

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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.

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Example of Clue 1

Math

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.

19	3	9	18	8	6
Answers: <u>18</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
An even number bigger than 15	The smallest odd number on the page	An odd number less than 10	An odd number bigger than 15	the smallest even number on the page	An even number less than 10

The winning car is...

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 =	
E =	K =	Q =	W =	
F =	L =	R =	X =	

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

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