

WHAT IS THIS?

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Word Bank
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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Astronaut

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where Did the Astronaut Go?
Cross out each planet as you solve each clue.

I have 0 moons. Mercury	I have 0 moons. Venus	I have 1 moon. Earth	I have 2 moons. Mars
I have 79 moons. Jupiter	I have 82 moons. Saturn	I have 27 moons. Uranus	I have 14 moons. Neptune

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The astronaut went on a secret mission to another planet, and it's your job to figure out which planet he traveled to. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which planet the astronaut landed on. Cross out the places the astronaut is not located each time you solve a clue. Good luck!

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 Earth is a noun .	 Sun is an adjective .	 Helmet is a noun .	 Me is a pronoun .
 Flag is an adverb .	 Blast is a verb .	 Bright is an adjective .	 Telescope is an adverb .
 Orbit is a verb .	 He is a pronoun .	 Twinkling is an adjective .	 Mars is a verb .

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong planets off your list.

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what planet(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing astronaut will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Parts of Speech Review:

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions

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not
noun
82
than

Earth is a noun.
Flag is an adverb.
Orbit is a verb.

Write the phrase that is *not a place*.

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• wrong (F)	• toothbrushes (E)	• clean (H)	• flag (E)	• zoomed (T)
• loudly (R)	• worriedly (A)	• asked (T)		

Astronaut Karla was about to make history. People all over the world sat in front of their TVs and were (1) waiting (L) to see her plant the first (2) flag (E) on the moon. Before leaving the ship, Karla rushed to grab the bag with the flagpole. But two bags sat side by side in the storage bin. In her hurry, she grabbed the (3) wrong (F) one.

The spaceship door opened, and Karla stepped onto the dusty ground. Cameras (4) zoomed (T) in as she reached inside the bag, but instead of a flagpole, she pulled out (5) toothbrushes (E). Millions of people gasped. The crew back on Earth whispered (6) worriedly (A) into their headsets, but there was no time to fix it. Everyone was watching.

Karla paused, then smiled. She taped the toothbrushes together, stuck them in the moon dust, and gave a big salute. The crowd back on Earth cheered (7) loudly (R). News headlines called it "The Toothbrush Flag."

Kids everywhere started taping toothbrushes into "moon flags" of their own. When Karla was (8) asked (T) about it on the news, she said, "Well, if aliens ever visit, at least they can have (9) clean (H) teeth!"

The astronaut:

L	E	F	T	E	A	R	T	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Clue #3: The Solar System

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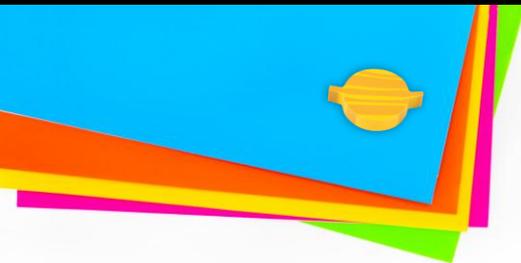
launch
explore
fly
dark
float

What spelling do you see most?
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Letter U
Letter M
adjectives: Letter V

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All clues focus on reviewing parts of speech!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

Tally up how many of each type of part of speech you see.

nouns	4
verbs	5
adjectives	3

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nouns: Letter U adjectives: Letter V
verbs: Letter M

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Print & Digital Forms

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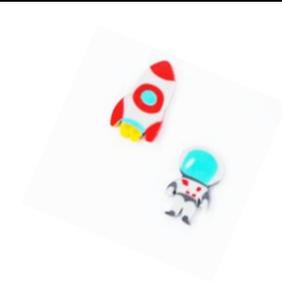
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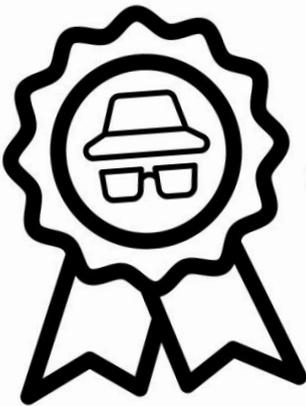
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2 **Date** *AW* **Presented by:**

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LET'S DRAW...
an earth

1	2	3
4	5	6

Color It!



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LET'S DRAW...
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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

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happily fly behind over sun quickly

under jump heavily

Put a sun next to all verbs.
Put a star next to all adverbs.
Put a moon next to all prepositions.

The planet has a S in its name.

What word was not touched? Write the first letter 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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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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not	noun	a	place
with	more	noun	79
than	50	moons	noun

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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the repeated addition sentence on each line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

2x6	7x5	4x4	8x2	4x7	6x7	3x7	8x6	5x9
6x7	4x4	8x6	2x6	4x7	7x5	8x2	5x9	3x7
6+6+6+6	4+4	8+8+8	6+6	7+7	5+5+5+5	2+2+2+2	9+9+9	7+7+7
6+6+6	4+4	8+8+8	7+7	+5+5+5	2+2+2+2	+9+9		
s: <u>O U R P L A N E T</u>								

The astronaut is not on...

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 =	
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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