

INSTRUCTIONS

MINI-ESCAPE ROOM – THE LOST LESSON PLAN

Materials Needed

Print-and-Go Version

- Escape room packet
- Pencils
- Erasers (optional)

No preparation beyond printing is required.

How It Works

Students/players receive a set of puzzles and an answer recording sheet for each student/team.

Read out or display the mission.

After solving each puzzle, they write down their answer(s) on the answer recording sheet.

The shaded and numbered letters on the answer recording sheet will reveal the final message/hiding place of the lost lesson pan.

Benefits

- Fast setup
- Suitable for independent work
- Ideal for homework or sub plans
- No classroom preparation required

Suggested Timing

15–20 minutes

Recommended Age

Suitable for

Ages 10–14 years

Difficulty Level

Easy–Moderate

Adaptations

Younger learners (8–10 years)

- Allow hints
- Complete puzzles in pairs
- Use a simpler cipher

Older learners (14+)

- Remove hints
- Add time limits
- Require teams to record reasoning
- Introduce additional puzzle layers

Extra Escape Room Touch

To make it feel more like a scavenger hunt, print and cut out the clue cards and place them around the room:

- Start note on desk and have the wordsearch (Puzzle 1) on the desk, too.
- Hide the Sudoku (Puzzle 2) on a bookshelf.
- Hide the Code Message (Puzzle 3) on a clipboard
- Hide the Word Scramble (Puzzle 4) near the chalkboard or smartboard.
- Hide a final message of your choice inside the (teacher's) desk...

This makes the escape room feel like a genuine school mystery rather than simply a packet of worksheets.



Add extra fun with hint tokens

Each team receives:

- 3 Hint Tokens
- Teams may exchange a token for a clue.
- Unused tokens can earn bonus points.

THE MISSION

Your teacher arrives at school ready for the day's lessons... but something is wrong. The most important lesson plan for today's class has disappeared! Without it, the teacher cannot begin the lesson.

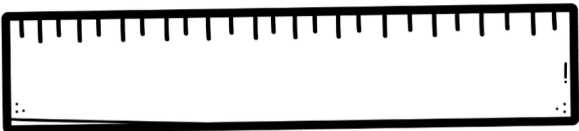
A note has been found on the teacher's desk:

IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE LESSON PLAN, YOU'LL NEED TO FOLLOW THE CLUES I LEFT BEHIND. SOLVE EACH PUZZLE TO DISCOVER WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE LESSON PLAN.

Can your team find the missing lesson plan before the first bell rings?

SCHOOL-THEMED WORDSEARCH

B	O	E	C	N	E	I	C	S	O
M	A	R	K	E	R	S	U	B	K
H	R	N	O	T	E	B	O	O	K
O	E	R	U	L	E	R	B	S	H
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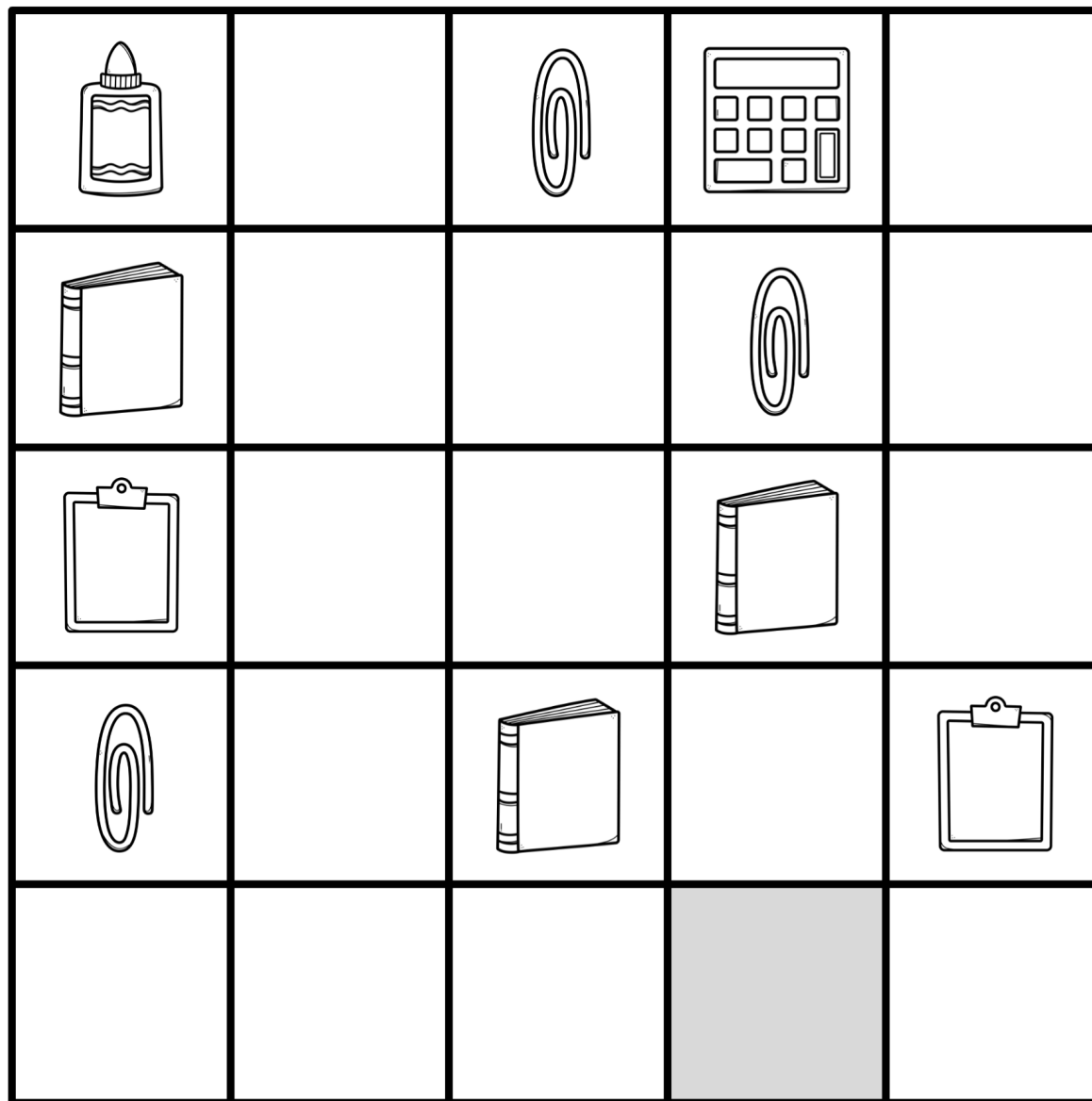
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| PENCIL | RULER |
| HOMEWORK | SCIENCE |
| LIBRARY | MARKER |
| NOTEBOOK | LESSON |
| SUB | BREAK |
| BOOKS | ART |



- TEACHER
READING
DESK
BUS
BELL

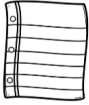
SCHOOL-THEMED SUDOKU

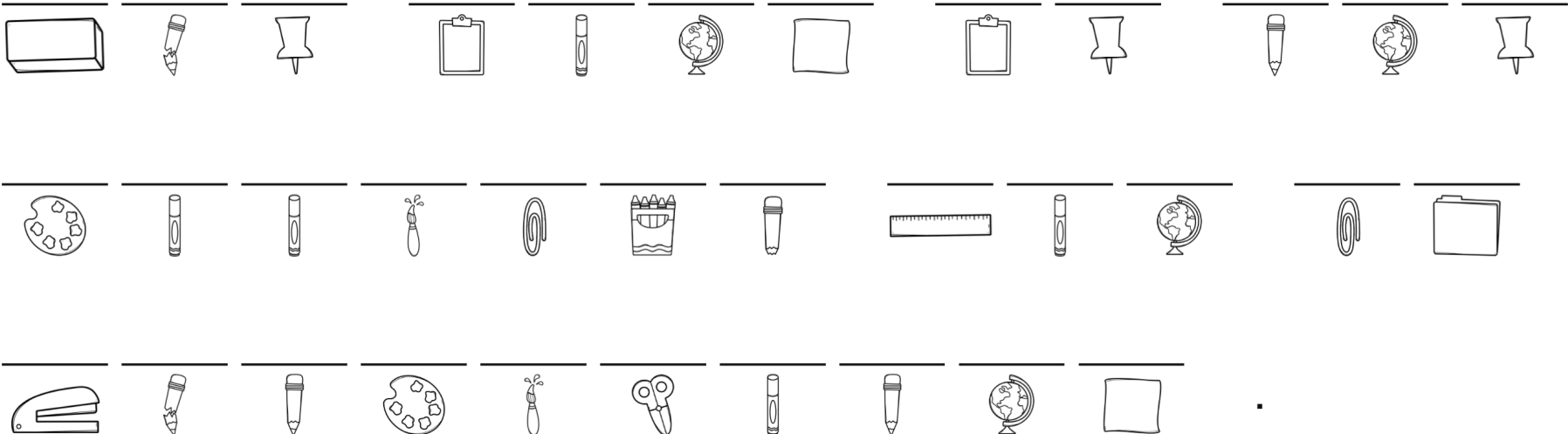
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CODE MESSAGE

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



WORD SCRAMBLE

4

1. SECJUTB

2. GWRTIIN

3. NPRIERT

4. BAIRPLY

(Team)Name: _____ Date: _____

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

LOST LESSON PLAN

Keep track of your answers as you solve each puzzle.

Look carefully at the shaded, numbered boxes in your answers. When all the puzzles are complete, copy the letters from those boxes into the matching numbered spaces at the bottom of the page.

If you've solved everything correctly, you'll uncover a secret message that reveals where the lost lesson plan is hidden!

1 WORDSEARCH

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2 SUDOKU

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3 CODE MESSAGE

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4 WORD SCRAMBLE

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3						10	
4		8					

FINAL MESSAGE:

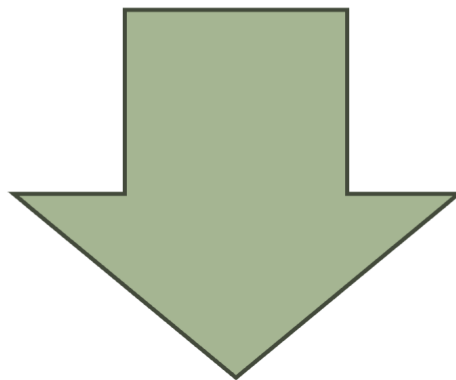
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Hints & other optional add- ons



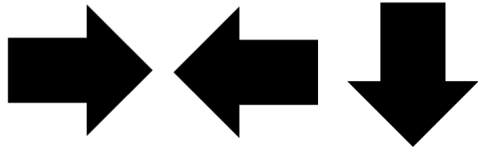
HINTS



Here are (optional) hint cards for you to cut out and offer to players.

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WORD DIRECTIONS:



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Solve like a classic sudoku. Each image to appear once only in each row and column.

2



CALCULATOR



PAINT PALLET



PAPERCLIP



BOOK



GLUE

1

Read unused letters from left to right top to bottom for next clue.

3

The number of boxes on your recording sheet shows you how many letters the word has.



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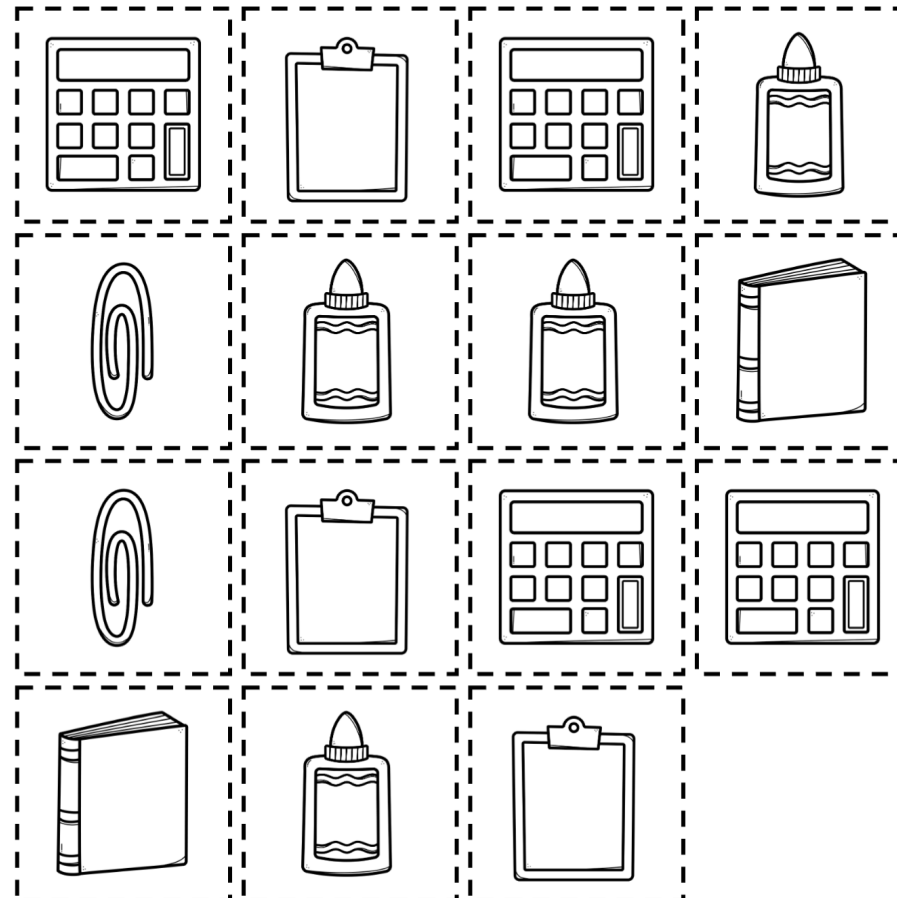
OPTIONAL CARDS TO CUT OUT

Mission note - Place
on teacher's desk

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Image tokens for
sudoku



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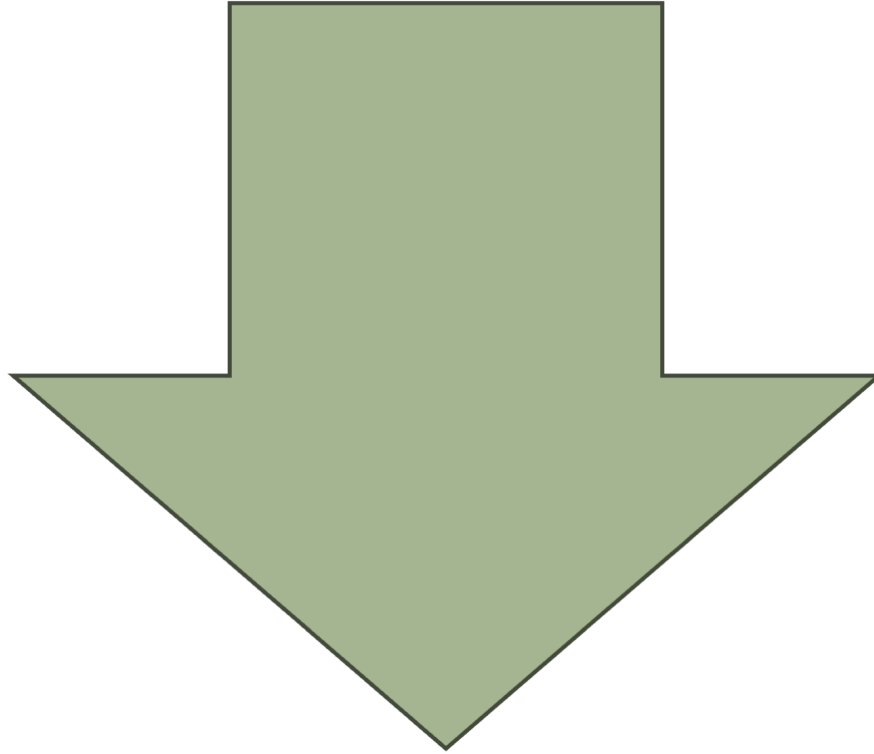
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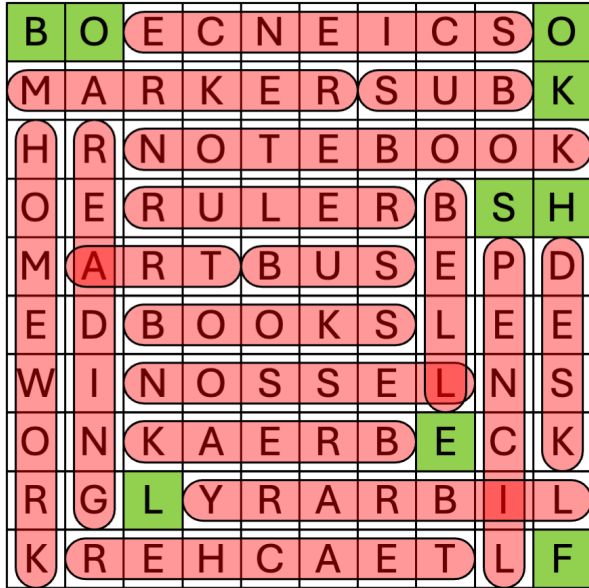


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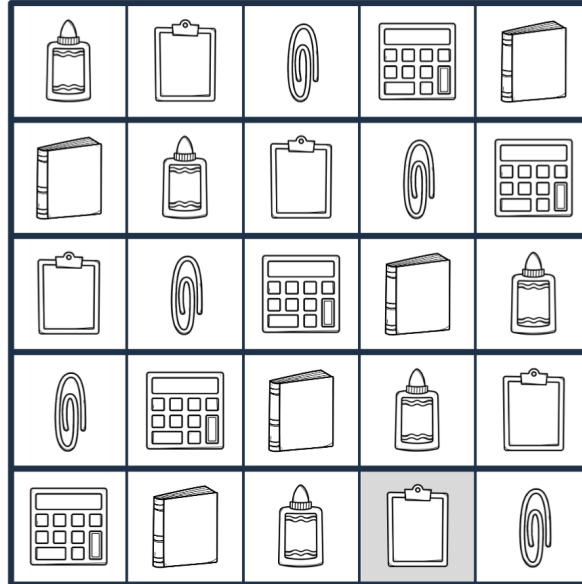
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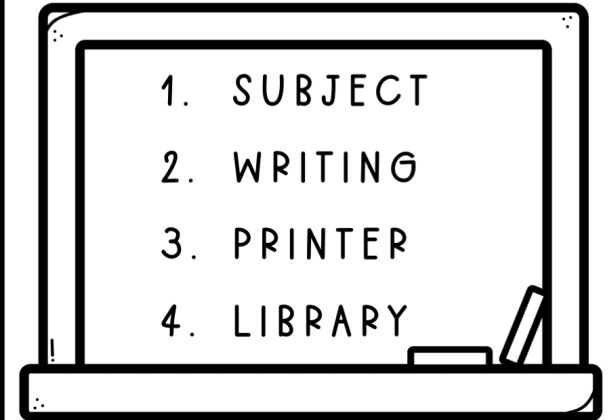
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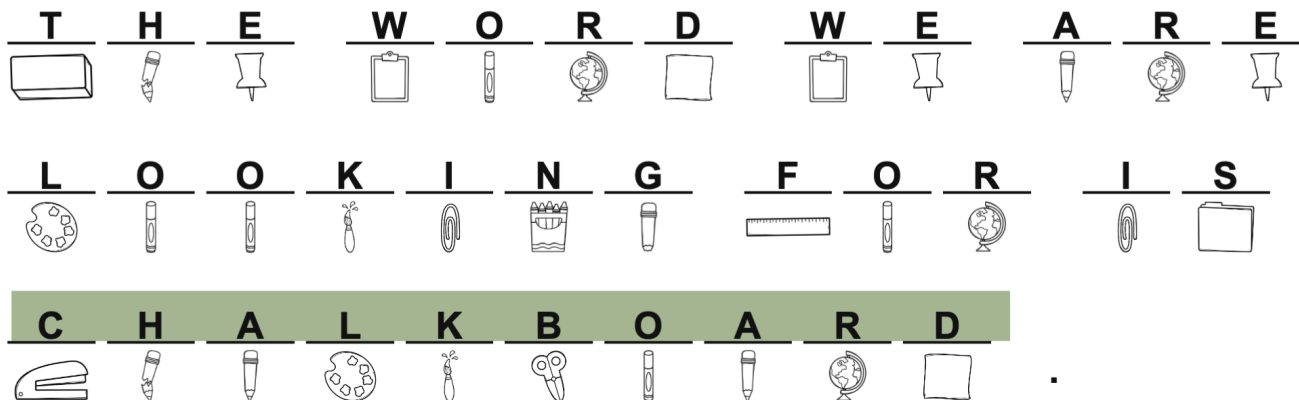


CLIPBOARD

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FINAL MESSAGE:

LOOK

INSIDE

THE

DESK

ANSWERS

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2 SUDOKU

C	L	I	P	B	O ₃	A	R	D ₁₄
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3 CODE MESSAGE

C	H ₁₂	A	L	K ₁₇	B	O	A	R	D ₉
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4 WORD SCRAMBLE

1	S ₇	U	B	J	E ₁₃	C	T ₁₁
2	W	R	I ₅	T	I	N ₆	G
3	P	R	I	N	T	E ₁₀	R
4	L	I ₈	B	R	A	R	Y

FINAL MESSAGE:

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