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## 11 HOLIDAY THEMED MATH MYSTERIES AVAILABLE!



THERE'S ALSO A MATH MYSTERY FOR EVERY SEASON!


AND SKILL FOCUSED MYSTERIES FOR MORE FUN REVIEW!

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# Teacher Resource Insfructions 

## PREPARATION

Print and copy pages 5-12 for your students. You can do either of the following:

- Combine the pages to form a booklet for each student to work on; OR
- Hand out worksheets as you want students to work on them - please note that if you choose this option, students will always need the 'Possible Suspects' page handy.
- If it is a difficult skill or something not yet done with your students, demonstration and a lesson before completing that clue is recommended.
- You could get students to work independently, or in pairs/groups.

IMPORTANT: The clues must be completed in the order I have arranged them in i.e. 1-5!

## HOW TO USE

Read through the article on page 5 'Math Mystery: Case of The Super Bad Superhero' to set up the activity and engage students.

Instruct students that they will need to keep referring back to their Possible Suspects list after solving each clue. Whole rows must be eliminated at a time, the final row remaining will reveal who the super bad Superhero is.

Students work through each clue, either guided by the teacher or independently (your choice). After completing a math worksheet, if students completed the questions correctly, a clue will be revealed. For example: 'A lady was able to scare off the antihero with cookies.' So, in this example, students can conclude that the super bad Superhero's weakness is cookies, so they must cross out all superheroes who do NOT have cookies as a weakness.

Once students have correctly completed all of the clues, only one suspect will remain, and that suspect is the super bad Superhero. On page 12, the teacher ticks off the 'Well done ...' box and the student can receive an Award (provided on page 19) if they declare the correct suspect. If a student gets the wrong suspect, tick the second box "Oops! Try again," and instruct the student to go over their work to see where they went wrong.

## ANSWERS

I have provided answer sheets for all of the clues, as well as who the super bad Superhero is. You will find these on pages 13-18. This includes the elimination process of rows post each clue.

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It is no secret that many superheroes reside on the island of Mathhattan. They usually help fight against crime and provide protection for us all. Sadly, something has changed and someone with superpowers is beginning to cause lots of trouble. This super bad superhero has begun to scare, intimidate and kidnap citizens! The police are powerless, and are unsure as to which superhero we can truly trust anymore...it could be any one of them! People no longer feel safe and are concerned this antihero is unstoppable.

Patrick, the Mayor of Mathhattan, addressed the public earlier this morning with the following speech:
"Stay inside your homes, shut your windows and lock your doors, keep your phones handy for help and be wary of anyone wearing a mask. The MBI (Mathhattan Bureau of Investigation) and other secret sources have recently confirmed that this villain is actually one of who we call superheroes of Mathhattan. It is a mystery to us which superhero to trust and who we cannot. It is going to take some of our finest math detectives to work with the MBI on this serious case; no superhero can be involved. Hopefully, if we can discover who this terrible superhero is, we can put a stop to this chaos and release all of the captured citizens. Until we can reveal who is behind this, we ask that you hand over any evidence or information that you come across to help solve this mystery."

As the mayor stepped off the podium, a large puff of smoke blasted out of nowhere! As the smoke began to settle a shadowy silhouette took hold of the mayor and before anyone could do anything. . "POOF!" They both disappeared. The Mayor is now a prisoner of this super bad superhero.

## MA TH DETECTIVE NEEDED TO REVEAL THE SUPER BAD SUPERHERO!

The chaos continues throughout the town; the disguised antihero is doing a good job at keeping his/her identity hidden while scaring and capturing citizens. Everyone in Mathhattan is counting on you to take a closer look at all those we call superheroes and unveil the phony! Upon discovery, alert the good superheros as to who the villain is so that they can help with the arrest and rescue the trapped mayor and citizens!

| Superhero Name | Main Superpower | Extra Superpower | Gender M/F | Hair Color | Weakness |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lion Man | Super Speed | Shape Shifting | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Dare Girl | Invisibility | Super Strength | Female | Purple | Silver |
| Mega Mage | Teleportation | Poisonous Burps | Male | Green | Cookies |
| Owl Man | Invisibility | Shape Shifting | Male | Purple | Sunlight |
| Blitzfire | Energy Blasts | Super Strength | Female | Orange | Silver |
| Thunder Hawk | Super Speed | Sonic Scream | Male | Purple | Sunlight |
| Razor | Energy Blasts | Sonic Scream | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Starlight | Invisibility | Flight | Female | Green | Sunlight |
| Lady Bug | Teleportation | Shape Shifting | Female | Purple | Silver |
| The Giggler | Mind Control | Poisonous Burps | Male | Green | Cookies |
| Captain Nucleus | Super Speed | Flight | Male | Orange | Silver |
| Mrs. Amazing | Mind Control | Sonic Scream | Female | Purple | Sunlight |
| Doctor Bolt | Mind Control | Super Strength | Male | Orange | Silver |
| Splash | Energy Blasts | Poisonous Burps | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Zapman | Teleportation | Flight | Male | Purple | Silver |
| Pizza Peter | Super Speed | Poisonous Burps | Male | Green | Sunlight |
| Titanicus | Energy Blasts | Super Strength | Male | Green | Cookies |
| Typhoon | Super Speed | Sonic Scream | Female | Orange | Silver |
| Blinker | Teleportation | Poisonous Burps | Female | Purple | Silver |
| Major Fury | Super Speed | Flight | Male | Green | Sunlight |
| Colossal Crush | Invisibility | Super Strength | Male | Green | Cookies |

Solve the clues and then cross the suspect rows off the list until only one suspect remains! The last suspect remaining is the Super Bad Superhero behind the trouble in Mathhattan! Whole rows must be eliminated at a time.

## ROUNDING DECIMALS - CLUE 1

Discover an important clue by rounding the numbers as instructed. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the first clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!) The first one has been done for you.


| Question | Answer | Letter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| What is 5.8 rounded to the nearest whole number? | 6 | T |
| What is 3.4 rounded to the nearest whole number? |  | I |
| What is 7.9 rounded to the nearest whole number |  | E |
| What is 10.1 rounded to the nearest whole number? | A |  |
| What is 4.51 rounded to the nearest whole number? | F |  |
| What is 2.09 rounded to the nearest whole number? |  | $\mathbf{N}$ |
| What is 7.16 rounded to the nearest tenth? |  | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| What is 4.54 rounded to the nearest tenth? |  | $\mathbf{O}$ |
| What is 6.05 rounded to the nearest tenth? |  | $\mathbf{C}$ |
| What is 11.43 rounded to the nearest tenth? |  | $\mathbf{L}$ |
| What is 5.251 rounded to the nearest tenth? |  |  |
| What is 2.638 rounded to the nearest hundredth? |  |  |

## ADDING DECIMALS-CLUE 2

Solve another important clue by completing the addition questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

The first one has been done for you.


17.7

| 7.12 |
| ---: |
| $+\quad 1.05$ |
| 8.17 |
| $N$ |


8.29
8.41
+

4.875
1.709
4.225
+2.25
$\begin{array}{r}1.140 \\ \hline\end{array}$


## SUBTRACTING DECIMALS - CLUE 3

Solve another important clue by completing the subtraction questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

The first one has been done for you.



$1.17 \quad 2.645 \quad 2.645$



| $\begin{array}{r} 9.26 \\ -\quad 3.21 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.97 \\ -\quad 2.12 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.76 \\ -\quad 0.85 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.58 \\ -\quad 6.02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.45 \\ -\quad 5.19 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.89 \\ -\quad 0.33 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6.05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| L | T | B | R | $y$ | I |



## MULTIPLYING WITH DECIMALS - CLUE 4

Solve another important clue by completing the multiplication questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

The first one has been done for you.

$2 \times 0.2=$ $\qquad$

## DIVISION [2-DIEIT DIVISORS] - CLUE 5

In the grid below you will find a number of statements being texted to you, however, only one of them is revealing the correct final clue. Complete the division questions, and then look for your answer in the statement boxes and cross out that box (meaning that the statement in that box has been eliminated). The one statement box left standing after completing all of the questions, is the one with the correct clue!

| The super bad Superhero uses invisibility to shock people with sudden energy blasts coming out of nowhere. | The super bad Superhero uses super strength to throw a magical trap on victims and then teleports them to a secret dungeon. | The super bad Superhero casts icy energy blasts to make victims stick to the floor and uses mind control to make them walk back to wherever this strange imprisonment is. | The super bad Superhero teleports behind victims and uses mind control to make them go to a prison of some sort. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The super bad Superhero uses poisonous burps to weaken victims, then teleports to make a fast get away. | The super bad Superhero uses super strength to lift cars with people in them and then uses the power of invisibility to make them disappear. | The super bad Superhero uses invisibility to stealth through the streets and uses super strength to keep everyone away. | The super bad Superhero uses electric energy blasts to destroy walls and then teleports victims inside to somewhere strange. |
| 8 | 97 | 9 | 2 |
| The super bad Superhero uses poisonous burps to make people faint and then casts mind control to make them walk to the hidden prison. | The super bad Superhero uses super speed to catch victims without no one else noticing, then teleports them somewhere secret. | The super bad Superhero casts a sonic scream to stun everyone around, and then uses teleportation to make a quick get away. | The super bad Superhero travels around like a bús and then shapeshifts into human form to cast poisonousburps on everyone.. |

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76 \div 38=
$$

$8,960 \div 70=$ $\qquad$
$594 \div 54=$ $\qquad$
$7,178 \div 74=$ $\qquad$ $5,720 \div 65=$ $\qquad$

# SOLVE THE MYSTERY: CASE OF THE SUPER BAD SUPERHERO 



Has discovered that the super bad Superhero is:

## Teacher to check and tick

Clues Checklist:
 Clue $3 \square$ Clue $4 \square$ Clue $5 \square$


Well done! You have correctly revealed the identity of the Super Bad Superhero! Thanks to your brilliant math skills and detective work, the police were able to gather the real superheroes to help them capture the phony. Once they caught the antihero, all of the captured citizens were released from their imprisonment. All of the victims, including the Mayor, are very grateful for your help in setting them free and putting a stop to the Chaos in Mathhattan.

Oops! No that is not the identity of the Super Bad Superhero Check your work and try again!

## aNSWER SHEET-CLUE 1

Discover an important clue by rounding the decimal numbers as instructed. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the first clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!) The first one has been done for you.


| Question | Answer | Letter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What is 5.8 rounded to the nearest whole number? | 6 | T |
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| What is 7.9 rounded to the nearest whole number | 8 | $E$ |
| What is 10.1 rounded to the nearest whole number? | 10 | A |
| What is 4.51 rounded to the nearest whole number? | 5 | F |
| What is 2.09 rounded to the nearest whole number? | 2 | H |
| What is 7.16 rounded to the nearest tenth? | 7.2 | N |
| What is 4.54 rounded to the nearest tenth? | 4.5 | $y$ |
| What is 6.05 rounded to the nearest tenth? | 6.1 | 0 |
| What is 11.43 rounded to the nearest tenth? | 11.4 | C |
| What is 5.251 rounded to the nearest tenth? | 5.3 | V |
| What is 2.638 rounded to the nearest hundredth? | 2.64 | $L$ |

## ANSWER SHEET - CLUE 2

Solve another important clue by completing the addition questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

The first one has been done for you.

17.7


8.826

17.7

$5.849 \quad 17.7$

8.29

6.462
$\begin{array}{r}7.998 \\ + \\ \hline\end{array}$
14.46
W

| 0.357 | 4.875 | 1.709 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r}0.357 \\ +0.005 \\ \hline 0.362\end{array}$ | + 2.225 | + 4.140 |
| 0.362 | 7.1 | 5.849 |
| T | L | M |

## Cross off all female superheroes

## ANSWER SHEET - CLUE 3

Solve another important clue by completing the subtraction questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

The first one has been done for you.


| 9.26 | 3.97 | 4.76 | 9.58 | 5.45 | 1.89 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 3.21 | - 2.12 | - 0.85 | - 6.02 | - 5.19 | - 0.33 |
| 6.05 | 1.85 | 3.91 | 3.56 | 0.26 | 1.56 |
| L | T | B | R | $y$ | I |


| 8.215 | 7.276 | 2.046 | 6.904 | 2.799 | 4.65 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 6.418 | - 4.631 | - 1.722 | - 2.451 | - 0.248 | - 1.325 |
| 1.797 | 2.645 | 0.324 | 4.453 | 2.551 | 3.325 |
| W | F | S | A | H | C |


| 1.27 | 6.591 | 0.904 | 7.542 | 8.789 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 0.561 | - 2.483 | - 0.316 | - 3.041 | - 7.619 |
| 0.709 | 4.108 | 0.588 | 4.501 | 1.17 |
| D | $K$ | N | $E$ | 0 |

Keep only any remaining heroes with a weakness for cookies. Cross out the rest.

## ANSWER SHEET - CLUE 4

Solve another important clue by completing the multiplication questions. Use your answers to match and place the letters in the boxes to reveal the clue. Put the letter in every box that it matches your answer in (there may be more than one!)

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| The super bad spuperhero uses poisonous burps to weaken victims, then teleports to make a | The super bad Superhero uses super strength to lift cars wi in them and thepower of invisibility to make them disappear. | The super bad Superhero uses invisibility to tealth throug. rreets and uses ngth to keep everyone away. | The super bad Superhero uses eled en gy blasts to de valls and then lepols victims inside to somewhere strange. |
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Keep only the remaining hero that has the ability to do both poisonous burps and teleport. This should leave only one suspect remaining.

| $76 \div 38=$ | $5,270 \div 10=\underline{527}$ | $86 \div 86=1$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $8,960 \div 70=\underline{128}$ | $882 \div 98=$ | $204 \div 34=$ |
| $594 \div 54=11$ | $2,783 \div 23=121$ | $7,776 \div 18=$ |
| $7,178 \div 74=$ | $5,720 \div 65=\underline{88}$ |  |


| Superhero Name | Main Superpower | Extra Superpower | Gender M/F | Hair Color | Weakness |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lion Man | Super Speed | Shape Shifting | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Dare Girl | Invisibility | Super Strength | Female | Purple | Silver |
| Mega Mage | Teleportation | Poisonous Burps | Male | Green | Cookies |
| Owl Man | Invisibility | Shape Shifting | Male | Purple | Sunlight |
| Blitzfire | Energy Blasts | Super Strength | Female | Orange | Silver |
| Thunder Hawk | Super Speed | Sonic Scream | Male | Purple | Sunlight |
| Razor | Energy Blasts | Sonic Scream | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Starlight | Invisibility | Flight | Female | Green | Sunlight |
| Lady Bug | Teleportation | Shape Shifting | Female | Purple | Silver |
| The Giggler | Mind Control | Poisonous Burps | Male | Green | Cookies |
| Captain Nucleus | Super Speed | Flight | Male | Orange | Silver |
| Mrs. Amazing | Mind Control | Sonic Scream | Female | Purple | Sunlight |
| Doctor Bolt | Mind Control | Super Strength | Male | Orange | Silver |
| Splash | Energy Blasts | Poisonous Burps | Male | Orange | Cookies |
| Zapman | Teleportation | Flight | Male | Purple | Silver |
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| Major Fury | Super Speed | Flight | Male | Green | Sunlight |
| Colossal Crush | Invisibility | Super Strength | Male | Green | Cookies |

On the answer sheets you will find a comment about what needs to be crossed off. Please refer to the color of the font and the color of the shaded rows to show which suspect has been crossed off from that clue.

MYSTERY ANSWER:
MEGA MAGE.


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    On page 19 you will find awards that you can print and give to students who solve the case correctly. I suggest making it a rule that students complete all of the questions on each worksheet to be eligible for the award (even if they can guess what the clue is without finishing all of the math questions!). You could also make it a condition that students show their working out on the back of the page or on a separate piece of paper if applicable.
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