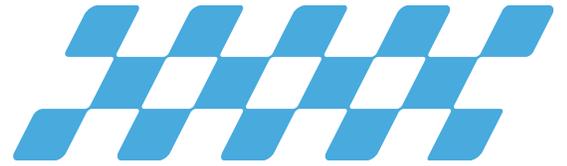


THE MINI



MIDDLE SCHOOL ZOMBIE OUTBREAK



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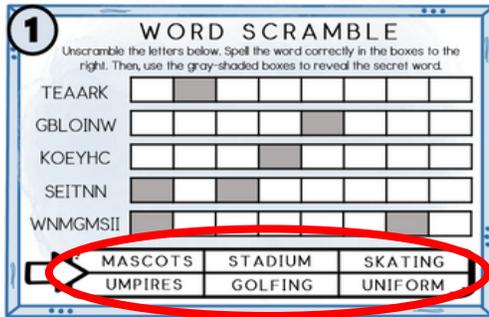
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DIRECTIONS



There are 4 puzzles to solve in order to determine the 4-digit code to escape. The bottom of each puzzle will give you a “secret word” based on your puzzle answers. Write the secret word on your Recording Sheet sheet for each puzzle.

Once all secret words have been recorded on your answer sheet, use the decoder to determine what NUMBER each letter is represented by based on the gray-shaded boxes. The final 4-digit code will be FOUR numbers in the order in which they appear on your answer sheet.

MISSION QUEST

Ho hum, it’s another mundane day at [YOUR] Middle School, where the most exciting thing on the agenda is the cafeteria’s mystery meat surprise. But hold onto your lunch trays because . As the bell rings for first period, instead of the usual chatter, there’s an eerie silence. Suddenly, the calm is shattered by a blood-curdling scream echoing down the hallway. And just like that, [YOUR SCHOOL] becomes ground zero for an SVA: a Smelly Zombie Apocalypse.

Armed with only your wits and determination, you must navigate through the deserted hallways and abandoned classrooms, battling stink-o zombies along the way. Each room you pass through brings you one step closer to the antidote and one step further from becoming a zombie yourself.

In a stroke of good fortune, hidden beneath a false floor of the principal’s office, you found a secured safe! There was just one problem, you have no idea what the lock combination is and the safe is welded to a steel beam, making it impossible to move. A series of ciphers and puzzles must be completed to get the lock combo.

There are only THIRTY MINUTES left before the zombies catch up! Your job is to solve the puzzles, determine the 4-digit code to the safe and get the antidote before you’re turned into a stinky zombie yourself. The odorous fate of middle school rests in your hands.



O V E R V I E W

Make your class celebration unforgettable with our mini Middle School Zombie Outbreak Escape Room! Featuring 4 puzzle challenges that reveal a final secret code, this fun and engaging printable game will be a huge hit for kids ages 8-13. Whether you're planning a class themed party, a birthday celebration, a Guiding or Scouting badge, or just need some rainy-day activities for family game night, this game is perfect for you.

Looking for an escape room experience without all the fuss? Look no further! Our printable escape room is perfect for you. With no complicated shapes to cut out, no folding or taping required, our low-prep escape room allows you to experience the thrill of the escape room right away.

Our escape room game is designed to be easy to set up and play, with no props or complicated instructions required. Kids can complete the puzzles individually or in small groups, making it a great activity for classrooms, youth groups, or team-building exercises. With our escape room kit, you'll have everything you need to create an exciting adventure for your little ones from the comfort of your own home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE INSTANT DOWNLOAD?

PDF game guide (8.5 x 11)

4 puzzle challenges:

- Word Scramble
- Rebus Puzzle
- Polybius Square
- Atbash Alphabet

Recording sheets

Set up instructions

Hint cards

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Gameplay: 20-45 minutes

Ages: 8 - 13

Number of players: As many as you want!



DIRECTIONS



You will need to print a **BLANK WORD RECORDING SHEET** (page 6) for EVERY person or team playing the game. This is the answer recording sheet for the individual puzzles. There are TWO Recording Sheets per page.



Print the **GAME 1 WORD SCRAMBLE AND GAME 2 REBUS PUZZLE** (page 4) and **GAME 3 POLYBIUS SQUARE AND GAME 4 ATBASH ALPHABET** (page 5) for each player, group or team. Kids WILL need to write on the puzzles in order to determine their answers. Save paper by partnering kids up. Some of the puzzles cannot be done visually, so each kid or team will need their own “set” printed.



Preview the package just in case you need to offer help or guidance. The kids MIGHT struggle the first time they see the puzzles...that's OK, that's the goal! Let them think it out for a bit, then offer them **HINTS** (pages 7 & 8). If they're still stuck, give them help, and only **ANSWERS** (pages 9-11) as a last resort.



Once all **four** puzzles and answer recording sheets have been printed, read the “mission” out loud (page 1) and review the directions. Next, let the fun begin! Set a timer for 30 minutes and see who can crack the code in the allotted time. Let kids know that they can complete the puzzles in ANY order. Just make sure they record their answers in the correct area.



PRINTING THE GAME

Make sure you download the file to your computer FIRST, then print. Sometimes your computer opens the PDF in the default web browser (which makes black boxes appear around images when you print). It happens when trying to print from the preview URL when it opens in a new tab. Make sure you are using the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader (FREE) – rather than a preview application on Macs or web browsers.

Grab Adobe here: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

1



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters below. Spell the zombie-themed word correctly in the boxes to the right. Then, unscramble the grey-shaded boxes to reveal the secret word.

ASHOC

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EDNUDU

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YAINDEGC

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EIFCTEDN

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CPIDMIE

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Secret Word



CORPSE

HIDEOUT

SURVIVAL

LURKING

DISEASE

ANTIDOTE

2



REBUS PUZZLE

Use the images to determine the zombie words. Spell them correctly in the four boxes below. Then, unscramble the letters in the grey-shaded boxes to reveal your secret word.

S=M+ -RIES

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F+ -FT+ -OE

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U=A+ P=E

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B+ P=N

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Secret Word



SAVAGE

MORBID

ROTTING

GRUNGE

GHOUL

DECAY

3



POLYBIUS SQUARE

Use the numbers to determine what letter each combination represents. If the box is blank, determine what letter is missing. HINT:  

Start here	1	2	3	4	5
1	D	B	E		C
2	K		H	I/J	F
3		P	N	O	M
4	T	R		Q	S
5		Z	X	V	W

Eliminate 1-4,3-1,4-5,3-3
1-3,3-1,1-4,1-4,3-1,2-4 words

Eliminate words that
3-2,4-1,4-5,3-1 1-1,4-3,3-4,2-1,2-2,3-1
5-1,4-3,3-3,5-4,4-3,3-3,4-1,3-3,1-4,5-4

The answer does not
32,41,45,31 1-4,3-2,2-4,3-1,3-1 5-1,4-
3,3-3,5-4,3-1,4-4,3-4,3-1,1-4,4-2,4-5,3-1
4-5,4-3,5-5,3-1,1-3,5-4

QUARANTINE	INFESTED	HIDEOUT
BATTLE	CATASTROPHE	CHALLENGE

4



ATBASH ALPHABET

Use the decoder below to determine the clues.

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

TVG IRW LU DLIWH GSZG VMW RM VI

XILHH LUU DLIWH GSZG ZIV ZWQVXGREVH

TVG IRW LU DLIWH GSZG SZEV LMV HBOOZYOV

TERROR	UNDEAD	VICIOUS
OUTBREAK	CRAWLER	STALKER

SECRET WORD RECORDER



Place your final answers to each puzzle in the boxes below. Then, use the gray-shaded boxes to reveal the 4-digit combination. If the answer has more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. The 4-digit combination will be revealed in the same order in which they appear on your answer grid.

1											
2											
3											
4											

D = 4 G = 5 M = 3 S = 6
C = 8 E = 9 N = 2 A = 3
F = 1 K = 0 P = 7 W = 4

4-DIGIT CODE



SECRET WORD RECORDER



Place your final answers to each puzzle in the boxes below. Then, use the gray-shaded boxes to reveal the 4-digit combination. If the answer has more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. The 4-digit combination will be revealed in the same order in which they appear on your answer grid.

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4-DIGIT CODE



REBUS HINT

To solve a rebus, make sure to look at the word placement, size, and quantity. First, determine what the picture is. Then, follow the letter prompts eliminating, adding or replacing letters. The secret word will be one of the words at the bottom of the puzzle.



Step 1: Determine the picture. In this case it is a dove.
Step 2: Follow the letter prompts. This rebus tells us to replace the letter "D" with the letter "L". To solve, simply put the new letters together. The answer to this rebus is LOVE.

POLYBIUS HINT

Use the numbers to determine what letter each number combination represents. Notice the numbers are in pairs.

HINT: Start in the top left box. Go RIGHT first, then DOWN



Find where the first and second number intersect on the grid to determine the letter.

If a letter is missing on the grid, use the alphabet to determine the missing letter. Each row has 5 consecutive letters in a random order.



Example: 1 - 3 = L
Go right 1 and down 3

Example: 2 - 4 = R
Go right 2 and down 4



A T B A S H H I N T



This is a letter replacement cipher. Use the decoder to determine what letter each given letter represents. Hint: Atbash is simply the alphabet backwards. The answer will be the ONE remaining word found in the list at the bottom.

A=Z
B=Y
C=X



**W O R D
S C R A M B L E H I N T**

Unscramble the letters to determine the missing word. Spell the word correctly in the boxes to the right. Then, use the gray-shaded boxes to reveal the secret word.

The secret word will be one of the words on the bottom of the puzzle.



1



WORD SCRAMBLE-Answers

Unscramble the letters below. Spell the ZOMBIE-THEMED word correctly in the boxes to the right. Then, unscramble the gray-shaded boxes to reveal the secret word.

ASHOC	C	H	A	O	S			
EDNUDU	U	N	D	E	A	D		
YAINDEGC	D	E	C	A	Y	I	N	G
EIFCTEDN	I	N	F	E	C	T	E	D
CPIDMIE	E	P	I	D	E	M	I	C

Secret Word



CORPSE	HIDEOUT	SURVIVAL
LURKING	DISEASE	ANTIDOTE

2



REBUS PUZZLE-Answers

Use the images to determine the four zombie words. Spell them correctly in the boxes below. Then, unscramble the letters in the gray-shaded boxes.

S=M+ -RIES

M	U	N	C	H	E	R	
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U=A+ P=E

P	L	A	G	U	E		
---	---	---	---	---	---	--	--

F+ -FT+ -OE

F	L	E	S	H			
---	---	---	---	---	--	--	--

B+ P=N

C	A	R	N	A	G	E	
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--

Secret Word



SAVAGE	MORBID	ROTTING
GRUNGE	GHOUL	DECAY

3



POLYBIUS SQUARE-Answers

Use the numbers to determine what letter each combination represents. If the box is blank, determine what letter is missing. HINT:  

Start here	1	2	3	4	5
1	D	B	E		C
2	K		H	I/J	F
3		P	N	O	M
4	T	R		Q	S
5		Z	X	V	W

Eliminate TEN LETTER words

Eliminate words that have double consonants.

The answer does not have three consecutive vowels.

	QUARANTINE	INFESTED	HIDEOUT
	BATTLE	CATASTROPHE	CHALLENGE

4



ATBASH ALPHABET-Answers

Use the decoder below to determine the clues.

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

Get rid of words that end in ER

TVG IRW LU DLIWH GSZG VMW RM VI

Cross off words that are adjectives

XILHH LUU DLIWH GSZG ZIV ZWQVXGREVH

Eliminate words with double consonants

TVG IRW LU DLIWH GSZG SZEZ LMV HBOOZYOV.

	TERROR	UNDEAD	VICIOUS
	OUTBREAK	CRAWLER	STALKER

SECRET WORD RECORDER

Place your final answers to each puzzle in the boxes below. Then, use the gray-shaded boxes to reveal the 4-digit combination. If the answer has more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. The 4-digit combination will be revealed in the same order in which they appear on your answer grid.

1	D	I	S	E	A	S	E				
2	G	R	U	N	G	E					
3	I	N	F	E	S	T	E	D			
4	O	U	T	B	R	E	A	K			

D = 4 G = 5 M = 3 K = 1
 C = 8 E = 9 T = 2 S = 6
 F = 1 K = 0 P = 7 A = 3

4-DIGIT CODE = WIN

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

PUZZLE 1

CHAOS
 UNDEAD
 DECAYING
 INFECTED
 EPIDEMIC
 FINAL WORD: DISEASE

PUZZLE 2

MUNCHER
 FLESH
 PLAGUE
 CARNAGE
 FINAL WORD: GRUNGE

PUZZLE 3

Eliminate ten letter words.
 (CATASTROPHE, QUARANTINE)
 Eliminate words that have double
 consonants.
 (BATTLE, CHALLENGE)
 The answer does not have three
 consecutive vowels.
 (HIDEOUT)
 FINAL WORD: INFESTED

PUZZLE 4

Get rid of words that end in ER
 (CRAWLER, STALKER)
 Eliminate words with double consonants
 (TERROR)
 Cross off words that are adjectives
 (UNDEAD, VICIOUS)
 FINAL WORD: OUTBREAK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW LONG DOES THIS ACTIVITY TAKE TO COMPLETE?

It really depends on a lot of things. Estimated completion time is 20-40 minutes but it's based on the kids' puzzle skills, group size, and age. We recommend ages 8-12.

HOW MANY KIDS CAN PLAY AT ONCE?

Kids can play individually, with friends, or in large groups. There really is no limit to the number of players.

WHAT IF THE KIDS GET STUCK ON ONE OF THE PUZZLES?

First off, let them think for a bit! This is where critical thinking skills come in. If they get stuck, you can give them a small hint from your colourful teen "guides" to guide them (pages 7&8). It is advised that you preview the puzzles first, so you understand how to complete them.

WHERE DO KIDS START?

Kids can start on any puzzles and complete the puzzles in ANY order!

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THEIR ANSWERS ARE CORRECT?

There is an answer key provided in the PDF.

HOW DO I SET UP THE ACTIVITY?

Just print, cut in half and play! Everything you need is included in your download. You don't need locks, envelopes, or special equipment. You can hang or hide the puzzles or just spread them out on a table.

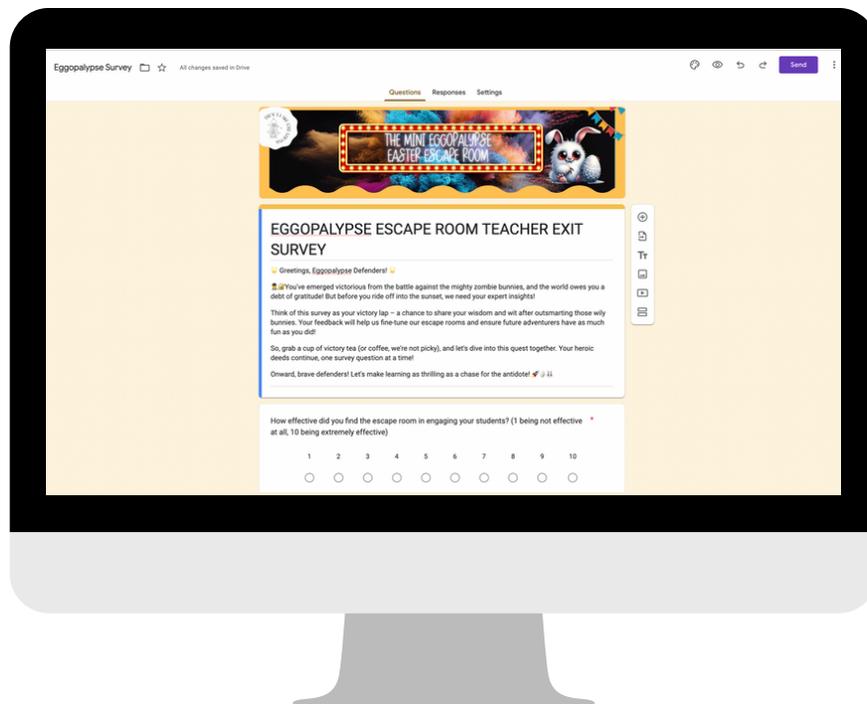
DO I HAVE TO PRINT OUT THE GAME MATERIALS FOR EVERY KID?

Yes and no. Each player or "team" will need their own "set" of puzzles so that they can write on the pages.

What's Next?

🕵️🔑 You've emerged victorious from the battle against the mighty zombie bunnies, and the world owes you a debt of gratitude! But before you ride off into the sunset, we need your expert insights! It will take you 30 seconds to complete the survey, and your answers will help me improve future escape rooms.

<https://forms.gle/AtmsQExow3CEztUP7>



Ready to turn your classroom into an adventure zone? 🚀 Join us on our quest to make learning ridiculously fun! 📖 Like, share, and follow us for a escapades and educational escapades!

🎉 If you're itching for a curriculum-themed escape room, send me an email! 📧. I'm here to make learning so exciting, your students will think they've stumbled into a time warp! 🌀 Let's make education an epic journey! 🌟

Until next time,
Jenn

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