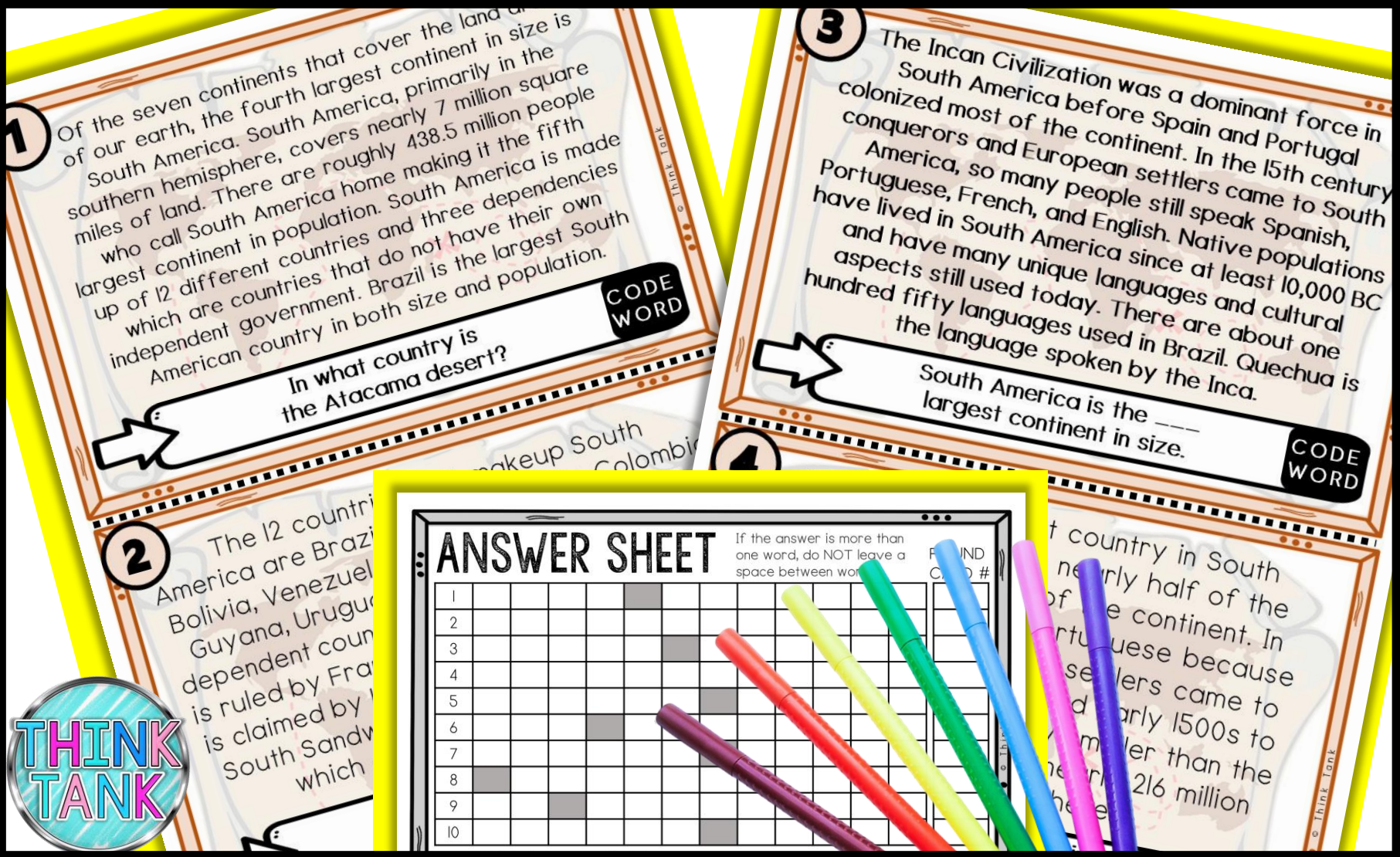
SOUTH AMERICA

SCAVENGER HUNT



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- [x] 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- [x] 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- [x] RECORDING SHEET
- [x] ANSWER KEY
- [x] STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- [x] TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- [x] EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1 Of the seven continents that cover the land area of our earth, the fourth largest continent in size is South America. South America, primarily in the southern hemisphere, covers nearly 7 million square miles of land. There are roughly 438.5 million people who call South America home making it the fifth largest continent in population. South America is made

3 The Incan Civilization was a dominant force in South America before Spain and Portugal colonized most of the continent. In the 15th century, conquerors and European settlers came to South America, so many people still speak Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English. Native populations have lived in South America since at least 10,000 BC and have many unique languages and cultural aspects still used today. There are about one hundred fifty languages used in Brazil. Quechua is the language spoken by the Inca.

South America is the ___ largest continent in size. CODE WORD

5 Brazil is also home to the largest city in South America. The city of Sao Paolo is home to over 22 million

7 The longest river in South America is the Amazon River. It is the second longest river in the world, only about 93 miles shorter than the Nile River in Egypt, which is the longest river in the world. Many animals depend on the Amazon River and make their home in the rainforest surrounding the river. The highest waterfall in the world is Santo del Angel (Angel Falls). It is almost 1000 meters high. Lake Maracaibo is the biggest lake in South America. The Catatumbo River provides 57% of the lake's water.

The most iconic stadium in the world is known as ___ Stadium. CODE WORD

TEACHER S

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TW

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages wh of their next "clue" or code word. After fi students will need to write them down on t

Part 2: Using the code word on each rea unscramble the letters in the gray boxes t

All you have to do is print the 10 reading hide them! The more difficult the reading more FUN the kids have AND the longer t

You will need to print [PAGE 10] for EVERY

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

FOUND CARD #

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

FINAL RD ANSWER:

9 Mount Aconcagua in A mountain in South America an impressive 22,837 fe second tallest mountai Aconcagua is a part of the that stretches through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru Argentina. It is the longest world at 4,350 miles. Oth include Sierra Nevada de S Cordoba, and Wilhel

What is the smal in South Ameri

10 The most iconic stadi

Name

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you

WORD

Name

SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL

4 DIGIT CO

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above; follow these clues.

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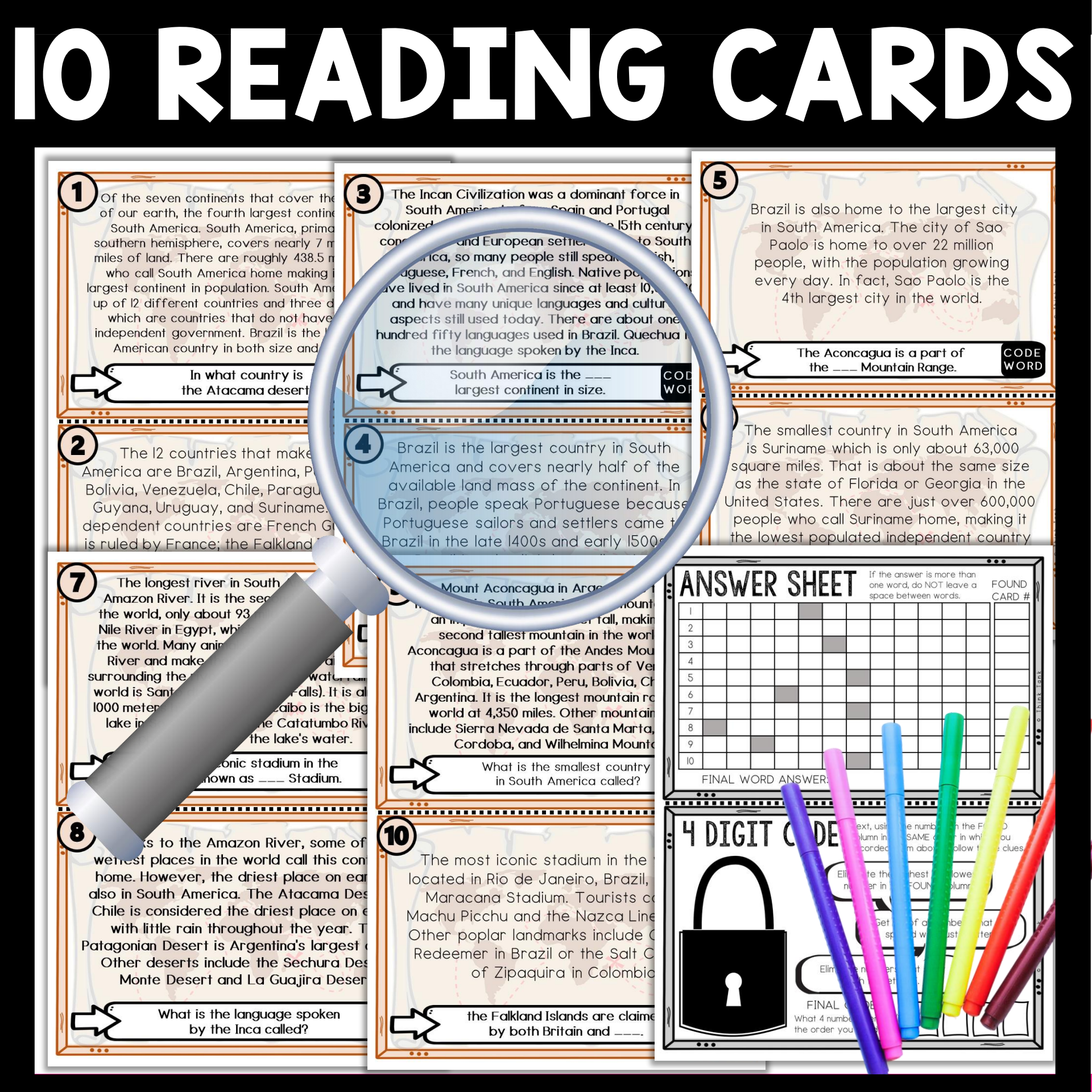
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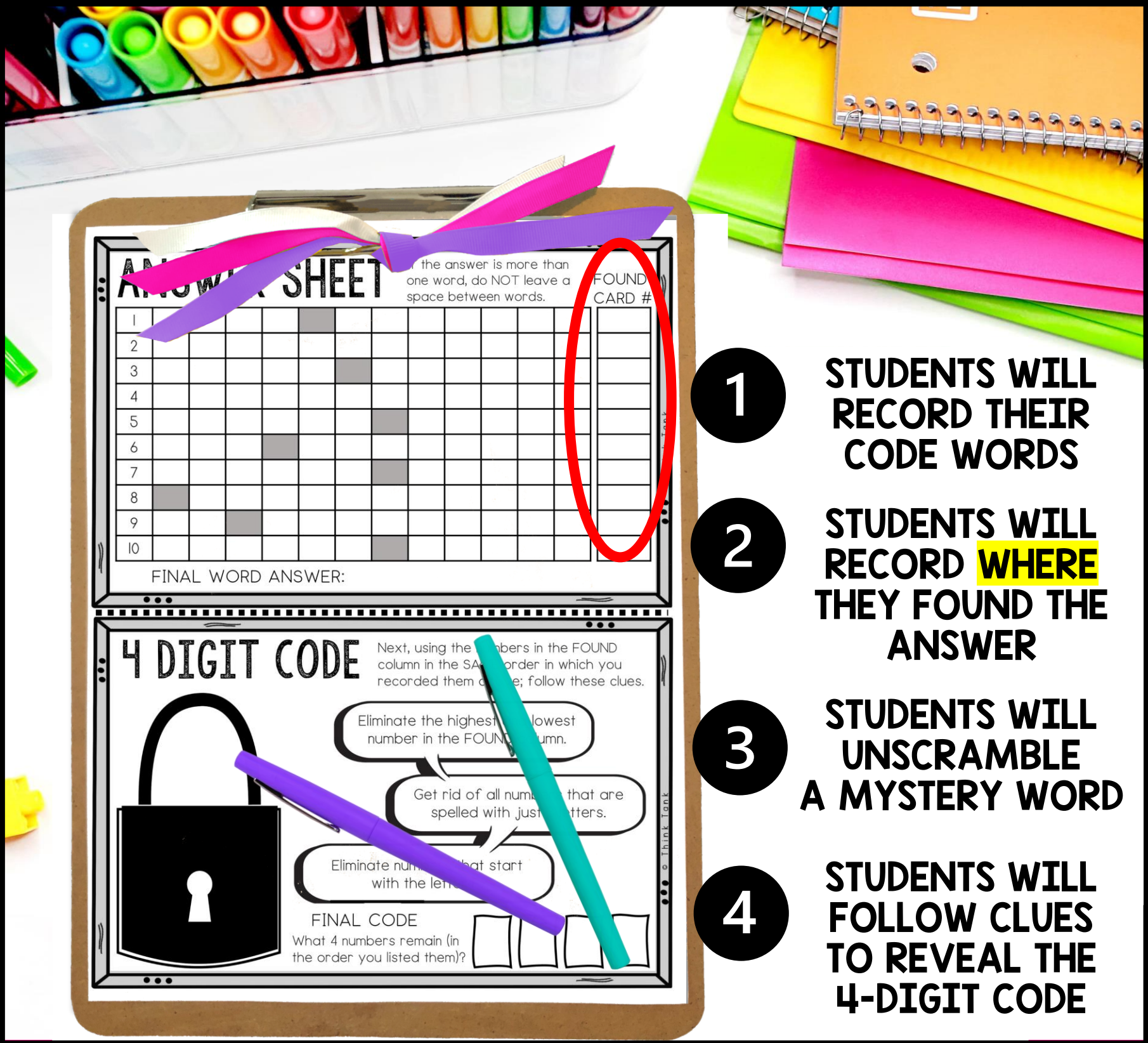
4 numbers remain (in der you listed them)?

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10 READING CARDS



CITE EVIDENCE



1. STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS
2. STUDENTS WILL RECORD WHERE THEY FOUND THE ANSWER
3. STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD
4. STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1. Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.

2. Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".

3. The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ☑ movement
- ☑ close reading
- ☑ comprehension skills
- ☑ mystery words & codes
- ☑ citing evidence
- ☑ critical thinking

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

- ANTICIPATORY SETS
- EARLY FINISHERS
- STATIONS
- SUB PLANS
- PARTNER WORK
- ENRICHMENT
- MOVEMENT
- CROSS-CURRICULAR
- HIGHLY ENGAGING

