

# Winter Nest

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## Distributor



Age

9

Genre

Fiction / Fairy Tale

Word Count

243 Words

## Story at a Glance

Momma Squirrel knew that winter was coming. Brother and Sister helped Papa bury acorns. The next day, they woke up to white snow. They had fun in the snow because they worked hard yesterday.

## Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *Winter Nest*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

## Key Words

**lean**

to bend the body

**sniff**

to take in air with the nose

**dig**

to break up, turn over, or remove soil, sand, etc.

**acorn**

a nut of an oak tree

**soil**

the loose top layer of the earth's surface

**hidden**

not seen

**bury**

to put in and cover

**curl**

to twist into

**bark**

the covering of a tree

## Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

**01** The buried acorn is \_\_\_\_\_ from the eyes.

- ① leaned
- ② curled
- ③ hidden

**02** He \_\_\_\_\_ against the door.

- ① sniffed
- ② leaned
- ③ dug

**03** She \_\_\_\_\_ the air.

- ① leaned
- ② curled
- ③ sniffed

**04** We worked hard \_\_\_\_\_ to have food for today.

- ① yesterday
- ② digging
- ③ curling

**05** The whole family \_\_\_\_\_ into their nest of leaves and bark.

- ① sniffed
- ② curled
- ③ dug

# Words Building

After reading *Winter Nest*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

**lean**

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**sniff**

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**dig**

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**acorn**

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**curl**

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# Grammar

Choose the correct pronoun for the underlined part.

<Sample>

Momma Squirrel leaned out her window.

- ① She      ② He      ③ I

**01** Papa said, "This will feed us when it is cold."

- ① She      ② He      ③ You

**02** Sister held an acorn in her mouth and started to dig in the ground, too.

- ① She      ② He      ③ They

**03** Brother and Sister found their Papa hard at work outside.

- ① It      ② He      ③ They

**04** Brother was the first one to wake up.

- ① I      ② He      ③ It

**05** Brother and Sister hurried outside to enjoy the snow.

- ① she      ② me      ③ it

## Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 Brother and Sister found their Papa hard at work outside. T / F
- 02 Sister held an acorn in her hand and started to eat it. T / F
- 03 Brother was the last one to wake up. T / F
- 04 Momma Squirrel knew winter was coming. T / F

## Understanding #2

- 01 What is the main idea of the story?
  - ① Brother and Sister Squirrel played in the snow.
  - ② The Squirrel family gathered and buried acorns for winter.
  - ③ Mother knew winter was coming.
- 02 Papa said, "Now it is hidden from the eyes, but not \_\_\_\_\_."
  - ① from the heart
  - ② from the ears
  - ③ from the nose
  - ④ from the mouth
- 03 Brother and Sister were allowed to play in the snow because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ① they worked hard yesterday to have food for today
  - ② there were no more acorns
  - ③ it is more fun than working
  - ④ Mother and Papa were playing too
- 04 The soil smelled fresh and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ① was white
  - ② like winter
  - ③ clean
  - ④ full of good things

# Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② B-D-A-C

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

**Brother and Sister found their Papa hard at work outside. He dug a hole with an acorn in his mouth. "Why do you do that, Papa?" asked Brother. Papa said, "This will feed us when it is cold and there are no more acorns falling from the trees."**

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②



③



④



# Coloring Sheet

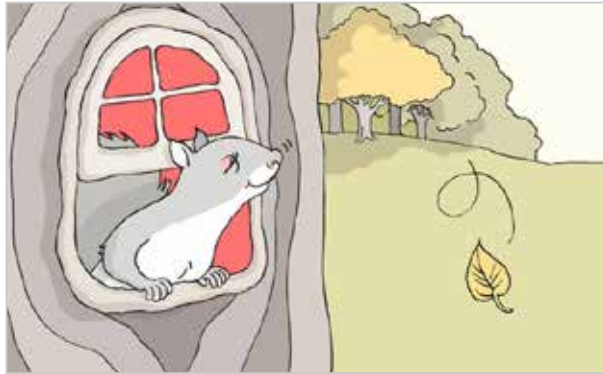
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# Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



**Momma Squirrel** \_\_\_\_\_.

**She sniffed** \_\_\_\_\_. **She knew it.**

**Winter** \_\_\_\_\_.

## Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

- 01** What other animals can you think of that store food to get ready for the winter?
  
- 02** If you were a squirrel, where would you hide your acorns? Why?
  
- 03** Mother Squirrel knew winter was coming by sniffing the air. How can you tell that winter is on its way?

# Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

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Title

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Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

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(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

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# Making Your Own Story

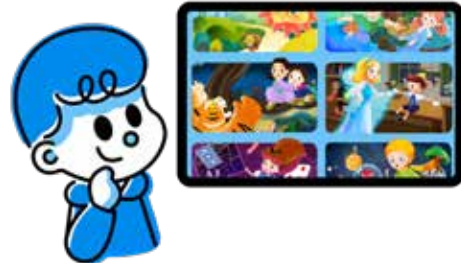


Download and make your own story in StorySelf.

Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *Winter Nest* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *Winter Nest*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

# Answer Sheet

## Words Use

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ②
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ①
- 5 - ②

## Grammar

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ②
- 5 - ③

## Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - F
- 4 - T

## Understanding #2

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ③
- 3 - ①
- 4 - ④

## Understanding #3

- Top - ②
- Bottom - ④

## Speaking Fluency

Momma Squirrel leaned out her window.  
She sniffed the air. She knew it.  
Winter was coming.

## Critical Thinking

### **Possible Answer**

1. I learned in school that beavers store food to get ready for winter because they can't find food when it gets too cold.
2. I would hide my acorns in the same place where I sleep so that I don't forget where they are. If I can't find them after I hide them, I might not be able to eat a lot. Also, if they're right next to me, I wouldn't have to go outside in the cold to find them in the winter.
3. I can tell that winter is on its way when I see all the leaves fall off the trees. I can also tell by sniffing the air. I don't smell anything, but the air in my nose feels colder.