

The Snowmen at Night

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Age

10

Genre

Fiction Fantasy

Word Count

207 Words

Story at a Glance

It's that time of year again when children skate on the pond, ride sleighs, and build snowmen. At night, the snowmen come to life and party all night long.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *The Snowmen at Night*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

chill

a feeling of coldness

perfect

great

sleigh

something you ride on to slide over ice or snow

tube

a donut shaped sled filled with air

leapfrog

a game in which one person jumps over another

snowball

a ball made of snow

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 There was a _____ in the winter air.

- ① chill
- ② snowball
- ③ tube

02 Ponds are frozen and _____ for ice-skating.

- ① chilly
- ② perfect
- ③ beautiful

03 I sled down the hill on a _____ that looks like a big tire.

- ① snowball
- ② chill
- ③ tube

04 They like to play _____ and freeze tag.

- ① snowball
- ② leapfrog
- ③ tube

05 They throw _____ at each other and build giant snow castles.

- ① snowballs
- ② tubes
- ③ sleighs

Words Building

After reading *Snowmen at Night*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

chill

perfect

sleigh

tube

leapfrog

snowball

snowmen

frozen

Grammar

Choose the sentences with the words in the right order.

<Sample>

Winter is here. / is Winter here.

01 And hills are covered in snow. / hills are covered in And snow.

02 you Have ever seen it? / Have you ever seen it?

03 They skate on the frozen ponds. / They frozen on the skate ponds.

04 so much fun! is Wintertime / Wintertime is so much fun!

05 They games run play and in the snow. / They run and play games in the snow.

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 The snow has been falling and it covers the ground. T / F
- 02 In the middle of the day, the snowmen come to life! T / F
- 03 Hills are covered in snow and ready for sleigh riding! T / F
- 04 Snowmen don't sleep at night – they party all night long! T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① You can feel the chill in the winter.
- ② Ponds are frozen in the winter.
- ③ Snowmen come to life when you are asleep.

02 The snowmen come to life in the middle of the night, when it is _____.

- ① very dark and quiet
- ② perfect for ice-skating
- ③ ready for sleigh riding
- ④ wintertime

03 Ponds are perfect for ice-skating because they are _____.

- ① covered with snow
- ② sleeping
- ③ playing
- ④ frozen

04 Snowmen slide down the snow-covered hills on their _____.

- ① sides
- ② bellies
- ③ ice skates
- ④ hands

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 C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

Children build snowmen in front of houses and at parks. There are fat ones and skinny ones and snowmen with hats. There are short ones and tall ones and snow-women too!

①



②



③



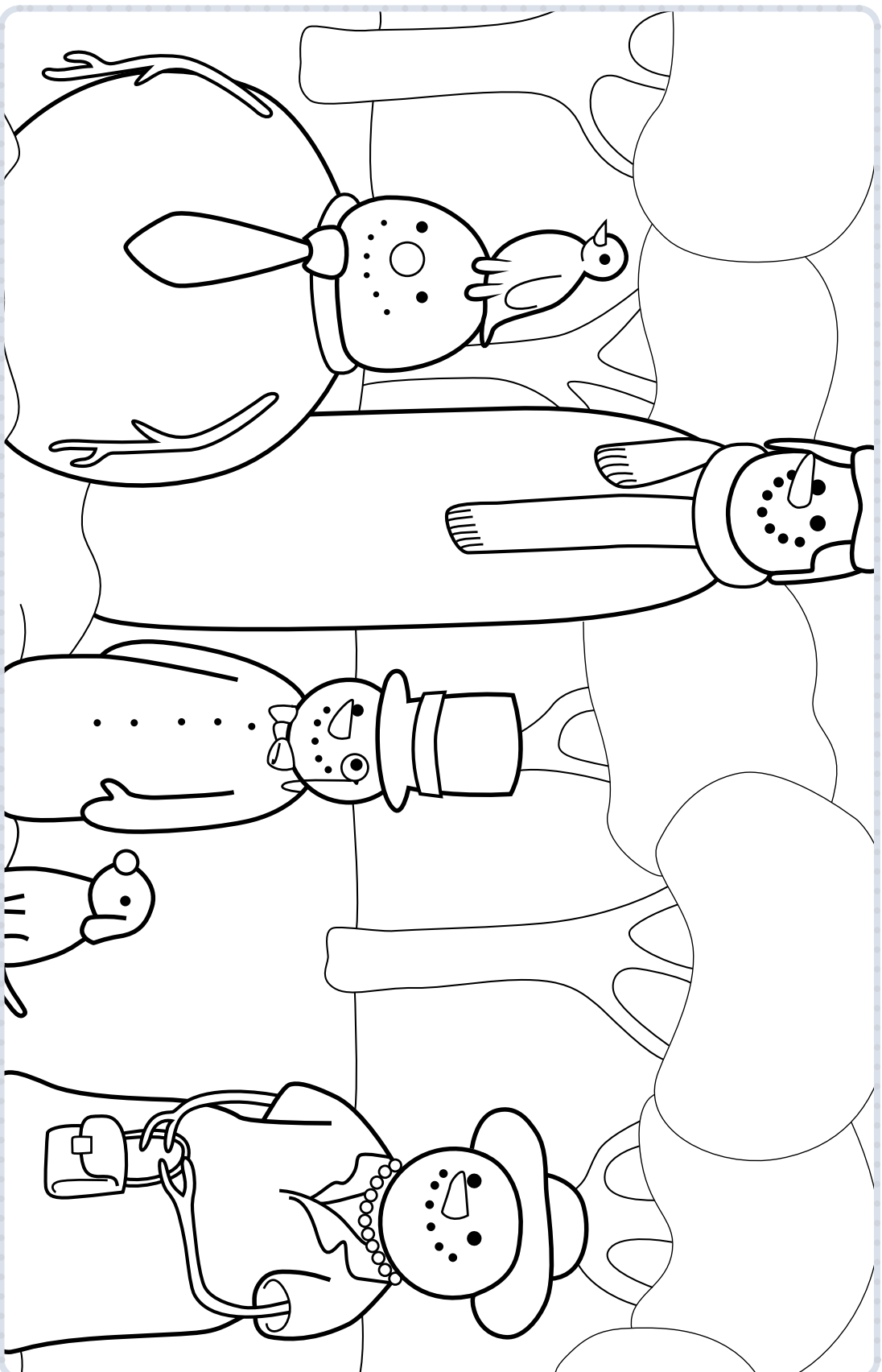
④



Coloring Sheet

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Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



And hills _____.

Ride _____.

Wintertime _____.

Critical Thinking

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

01 What other things do you think snowmen do when they come to life?

02 If you were to see a snowman come to life, how do you think you would react?

03 Why do you think snowmen would only come to life at night?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(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.

Making Your Own Story

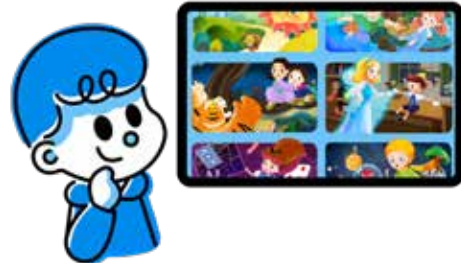


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① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *The Snowmen at Night* 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, *The Snowmen at Night*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

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

Grammar

- 1 - And hills are covered in snow.
- 2 - Have you ever seen it?
- 3 - They skate on the frozen ponds.
- 4 - Wintertime is so much fun!
- 5 - They run and play games in the snow.

Understanding #1

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

Understanding #2

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ④
- 4 - ②

Understanding #3

- Top - ①
- Bottom - ①

Speaking Fluency

And hills are covered in snow and ready for sleigh riding!

Ride a sleigh down the hill or slide down the hill on a tube.

Wintertime is so much fun!

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. I think snowmen try to jump from roof to roof when they come to life.
2. If I were to see a snowman come to life, I think I would be scared and shocked at first, but then I would become friends with him and play with him all the time.
3. Snowmen would only come to life at night so that they don't scare people. Also, they probably want to play by themselves when there aren't too many kids playing because they need a lot of room to move around.