

Online Book Club

The Behemoth Blizzard Mystery

Bring It To Life!

1. Make it snow! Take white pieces of paper and fold them in half. Along the crease of your fold, cut out pretty designs. Unfold the paper and cut the rest of it to your favorite shape of snowflake!
2. Nick and Curie loved to play their Snow Facts game. What's a topic you know a lot about? Divide into groups and play a game using facts from your favorite subject!
3. Blizzards are accompanied by fierce, howling winds. Play this game called, "A Strong Wind Blows." Set up chairs in a circle with one person left over to stand in the middle. The person in the middle says, for example, "A strong wind blows for anyone who loves macaroni and cheese!" Then, anyone sitting in a chair who does love macaroni and cheese must get up and run to another chair. Whoever doesn't make it to one of the chairs is the next person in the middle to make the wind blow!
4. Nick and Curie felt like "walking snowmen" during that blizzard! Make your own snowmen. Design, color, glitter, and cut out your very own creative examples of snowmen. You can even make a portrait of yourself as a snowman!



Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

Blizzards

1. The terrible 1888 blizzard killed at least 400 people in New York.
2. Barometric pressure, wind speed, and the amount of moisture in the air are all major factors in blizzard formation.
3. A "white out" is when the snow in the sky and the snow on the ground are so heavy that you can't see a single thing.
4. Ice crystals form when water vapor freezes around a piece of dust.
5. In cases of extremely cold temperature, you should eat little snacks frequently to keep your blood flowing to keep from freezing! Wear a hat because most of your body heat escapes through your head.
6. Sometimes the snow produced in a blizzard is so heavy that roofs collapse under its weight.
7. Blizzards can last for more than three hours.
8. It doesn't have to be snowing for a blizzard to occur. Sometimes blizzards form from strong winds blowing up already fallen snow and creating a whiteout.
9. If your weatherman says there is a "Winter Storm Watch," that means there is a strong possibility for severe snow. If you hear that there's a "Winter Storm Warning," that means the snowstorm has already started and will probably get worse, so you should stay inside and warm!



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What is the acronym Nick made up for the blizzard detector?
2. Why didn't the O'Malleys like the idea of the sensors?
3. Why did Nick spit during the avalanche?
4. What did Nick discover about the O'Malleys' Irish accents?
5. What did Nick leave behind in Mr. O'Malley's office that gave him away?
6. What was Mrs. O'Malley very fond of?
7. What did Nick and Curie do to try to get out of the blizzard?
8. What happened to Mr. O'Malley when he went to look for the kids?



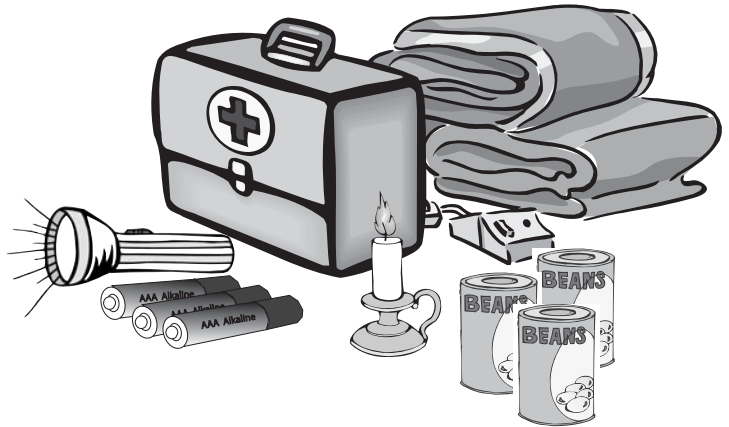
Winter Weather Safety Tips

- ❁ Remind your parents to have the furnace checked once a year.
- ❁ Stay inside during a storm.
- ❁ When it's time to go out and build your snowman, layer your clothing.
- ❁ Bring all pets indoors during severe winter weather.
- ❁ Don't venture onto a frozen pond or lake without an adult checking it first. You could fall through the ice!
- ❁ Always check the weather report before leaving the house.



Car Survival Kit

- Blankets
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Nonperishable food (like canned goods)
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Sack of cat litter or sand for traction
- Jumper cables
- Water container
- Candle, matches, and a fireproof container



Know your SAT Words!

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SAT Words



1. hardy
2. intrepid
3. lavish
4. nonchalant
5. pallid

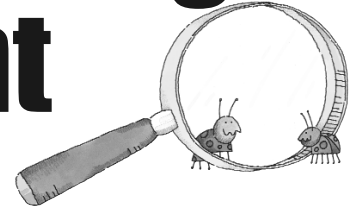
Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



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Scavenger Hunt



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find the items below related to the mystery. *(Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students.)*

___ 1. a portrait

___ 2. an ice cube tray (since ice would melt!)

___ 3. a picture of a snowmobile

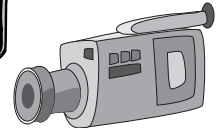
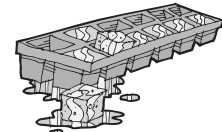
___ 4. a can of chicken noodle soup

___ 5. a picture of a video camera

___ 6. a boot

___ 7. a pine cone or pine needles

___ 8. boxed food (like cereal or crackers you might store for a blizzard!)

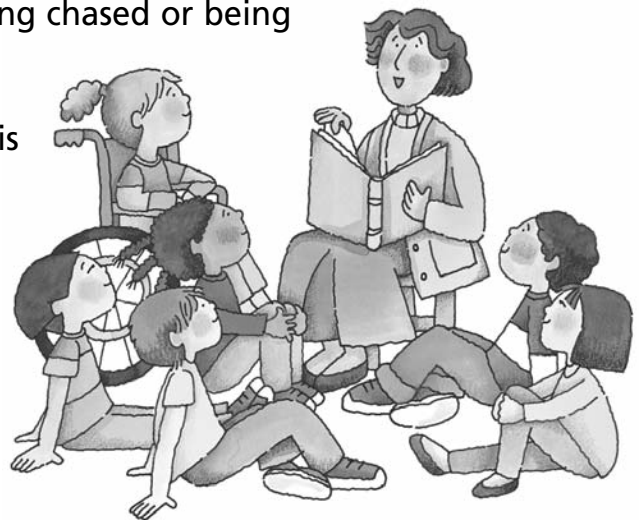


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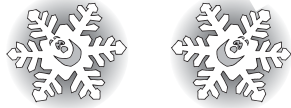
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TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Have you ever seen snow? If so, what did you do to enjoy it? If not, do you think you'd like to see snow someday?
2. Curie loved to have cider when she came in from the snow. What is your favorite thing to do in the winter to keep warm?
3. What do you think would be more fun—solving a mystery or riding a snowmobile? Why?
4. If you could have a secret room in your house, where would it be? How would you get to it?
5. Poor Artemis was really sick! Can you think of a time when being ill kept you from doing something really fun? What did you do to get better?
6. The O'Malleys were not exactly Irish. What about your family history? What country or countries are you or your ancestors from?
7. What fun things can you think of to do if you didn't have a TV or a computer?
8. What do you think would be scarier—being chased or being stuck in a blizzard?
9. Artemis is proud of his intelligence and his reputation. What are your strengths?
10. Nick and Curie used the electric pole as a landmark to know they were nearing the house. What landmarks do you notice as you're getting close to your house or school?



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Word Search



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Word Bank

Coaxial
Spicules
Snow

Snowmobile
Sensors
Crystals

Artemis
Flurries
Frostbite

Avalanche
Irish
Monitors