

Winter Words: Learning New Vocabulary

Grade 2

English

Nonfiction

Winter wonderland Theme

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Name: _____ Date: _____

READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Winter brings many special words to learn. When snow falls, the ground becomes covered with a white blanket. We call this frosty time of year the winter season. Ice forms on ponds and lakes, making them slippery and frozen solid. Many animals hibernate, which means they sleep through the cold months. Trees lose their leaves and become bare branches reaching toward gray skies. Children bundle up in warm mittens and scarves to stay cozy outside. They slide on icy patches and build snowmen in their yards. The cold air makes our breath visible when we exhale. Winter is a time when nature transforms the world into a sparkling wonderland. Learning these winter words helps us describe the season's magic and beauty. Understanding new vocabulary makes us better readers and writers.

Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What does the passage say happens to trees during winter?

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'hibernate' mean in this passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think children need to wear mittens and scarves during winter?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens to ponds and lakes when winter arrives?

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. Name two activities children do outside in winter according to the passage.

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

This passage is mostly about learning new vocabulary words related to winter and how winter changes the world around us.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What does the passage say happens to trees during winter?

According to the passage, 'Trees lose their leaves and become bare branches reaching toward gray skies.'

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'hibernate' mean in this passage?

Hibernate means to sleep through the cold months, as the passage explains that 'many animals hibernate, which means they sleep through the cold months.'

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think children need to wear mittens and scarves during winter?

Children need to wear mittens and scarves because winter is very cold and these clothes help keep them warm and cozy.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens to ponds and lakes when winter arrives?

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The passage says children 'slide on icy patches and build snowmen in their yards.'