



# JANUARY

## guided reading passages

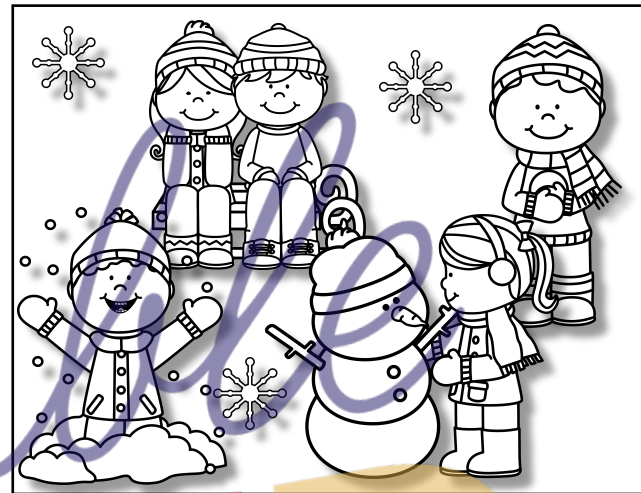
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<b>MLK Jr.</b>	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I

# Snow Fun

Name \_\_\_\_\_

“Winter is the best season,” Jared said to Jen. “Why do you say that?” Jen asked him. “I like to play in the snow,” Jared said. “I like to play in the snow, too. It is so fun to build snowmen. I like to roll big balls of snow,” Jen said. “I like to make snowballs, too. The ones I make are small. I like snowballs. They are fun to throw,” Jared said. “Snowball fights are fun!” Jen said. “I also like to sled down the big hill outside.” “Yes, sledding is really fun,” Jared said. “It is fun when we ride down the hill together.” “Now I think winter is the best season, too,” Jen said. “I wish it was winter and that it could snow right now!”



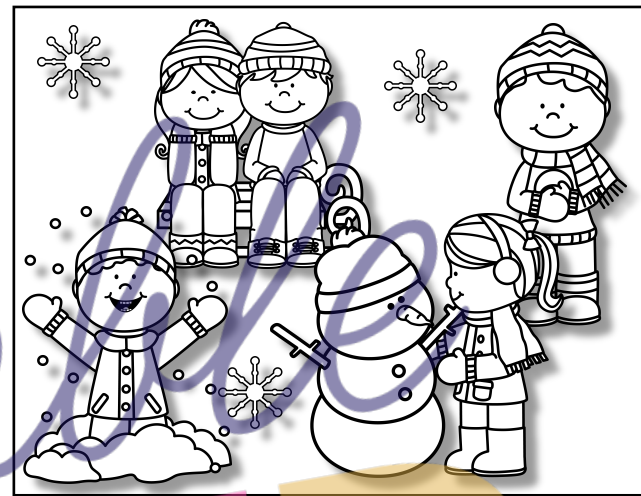
① What does Jared like to do with Jen in the snow?

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② What does Jen wish?  to make a snowman  that it would snow

“Jen, it is snowing!” Jared said. Jen ran to the window. “Wow, look at all of the snowflakes,” Jen said. “I love to go outside when it snows,” Jared said. “I like it, too. I can’t wait to make a snowman,” Jen said. “I will roll three big snowballs for his body.” “I will make snowballs, too,” said Jared. “I will not make a snowman with them. I will throw them.” Jen laughed. “We can have a snowball fight,” she said. “What else can we do in the snow?” Jared asked. “We can sled down the big hill,” Jen said. “That is a great idea. I will look for the sled,” Jared said. “I will look for a hat and buttons for my snowman,” said Jen. Jared found the sled. Jen found buttons and a hat. Their mom walked in the room. “What are you doing?” she asked. “I found buttons and a hat. We are going to build a snowman,” Jen said. “I found the sled. We are going to sled down the big hill,” Jared said. “You need to find your coats, gloves, and boots first!” Mom said. “Good idea, Mom,” Jared and Jen said. “It would not be fun in the snow without those!”



- ① What are Jen and Jared going to do with the snowballs they make?

- ② What does Jared find?       the buttons       the sled       the hat

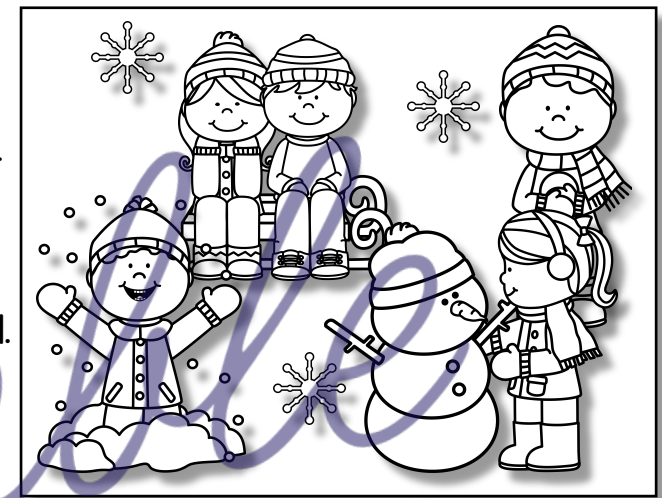
# Snow Day

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jared ran to the window. "Jen, come here. You need to see this!" he said. Jen ran to the window. "Wow! It's snowing," Jen said. She was excited. "I love when it snows," said Jared. "I do, too!" Jen said. "What is your favorite thing about snow?" "It is nice to watch the snow fall, but my favorite thing to do is play in it," Jared said. "That is my favorite thing about it, too," Jen said.

They watched the snow fall. "Soon, we can go out to play in it," Jen said. "I will make a snowman first. I will roll three big snowballs for his body. I will stack them on top of each other. I will put buttons on the top one to make his eyes. I will get sticks for his arms. I will get a carrot for his nose and a hat for his head." "I will help you make your snowman," Jared said. "I will also make snowballs, but they will be small. I will throw them." "That sounds fun, too. Just don't throw them at me!" Jen said. Jared laughed. "I won't throw them at you," he said. "When we are done making the snowman, we can ride on the sled." "We can go to the big hill and ride down together," Jen said. "I love to ride down the big hill!" Jared said. He could not wait to go down the hill.

The snow stopped falling. It was time to go out to play. "Do you know where the sled is?" Jen asked. "I will look for it in the garage," Jared said. "I will find the hat, buttons, and carrot for my snowman," Jen said. They came back with their snow day supplies. "Okay, let's go outside!" Jared said. Mom walked in. "You also need to find your coats, gloves, and boots," she said. "That is a good idea, Mom," Jen said. "We would not have fun if we were wet and cold in the snow," Jen said.



① What will Jared and Jen do outside?

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② What does Mom tell them to find?

- the sled   
  buttons   
  coats   
  all of these



# Teamwork in the Snow

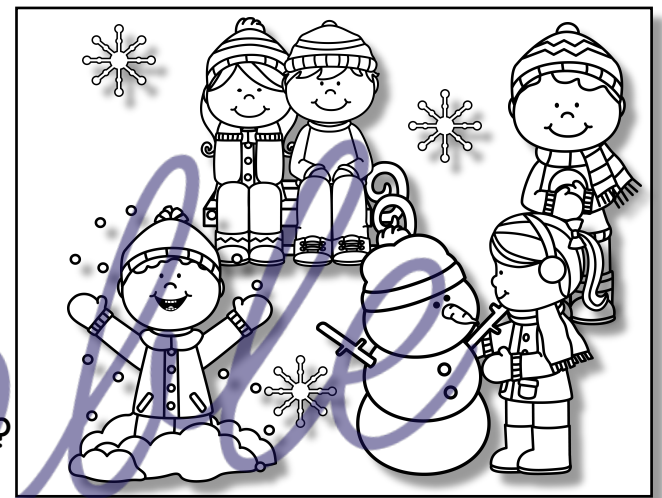
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jared and Jen were eating breakfast. "Look outside," Mom said. Jen looked out the window. "Wow, look at all of that snow!" she said. "This is great," Jared said. "We can play in it after breakfast!" "What do you want to do in the snow?" Jen asked. "I want to do everything," he said. Jen laughed. "Okay, then we should finish eating our breakfast," she said.

Jen put on her coat, hat, and snow boots. She found an extra hat. She had buttons and a carrot, too. "What are those for?" Jared asked. "I am going to build a snowman. I will roll three big balls of snow and stack them. Will you help me? We can build a bigger snowman if we work together," Jen said. "Yes, I will. I can find sticks outside. We can use them as his arms," Jared said. "I will use the buttons for his eyes and the carrot for his nose," said Jen. "We will make a good snowman if we work together."

Jared put on his coat, hat, and snow boots. He went to the garage. Jen followed him. "What are you looking for?" she asked. "I am looking for the sled. Will you help me?" Jared said. They looked all over the garage. They found the sled hanging by the bikes. Jen helped Jared get the sled down. "We can sled down the big hill," Jared said. "That will be so fun!" Jen said. "We can push the sled and hop on. We will go fast if we push together," Jared said.

Jen and Jared went outside to play in the snow. They built a huge snowman together. They sped down the hill in their sled. They had so much fun. "We make a great team," Jen said. "Yes, we do. I am glad we could play in the snow together," Jared said.



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① Why did Jen say that they made a great team?

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② What did Jen help Jared find?       the hat       the sled       the sticks       all of these

# Skiing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary

 skiers mountains cross-country protect

Skiing is a winter activity. People who ski are called skiers. They move through the snow on long thin boards called skis. Some skiers go down big hills or mountains. This is called downhill skiing. Some skiers go a long way across flat land. This is called cross-country skiing. All skiers have gear. Skiers must always wear helmets. Helmets protect the skiers' heads. They also wear goggles to protect their eyes. Skiers wear special boots that snap into their skis. They have poles to help them balance. They also wear coats and gloves to stay warm. Would you like to try skiing?



① What do cross-country skiers do?

② What do the ski poles help with?  speed  balance

Vocabulary balance protect mountains

Skiing is an activity that people enjoy in the winter. People who ski are called skiers. They ski in the snow on long thin boards called skis. They wear special boots that snap into the skis. They use long poles to help them balance as they move through the snow. Skiers have to protect their bodies in different ways. They wear helmets to protect their heads if they fall. They wear goggles to protect their eyes from the sun and snow. Skiers wear gloves to keep their hands warm. They wear special pants and coats to stay warm and dry. Some skiers go down big hills and mountains. They move down from the top to the bottom. It is called downhill skiing. Some skiers move across big flat areas covered in snow. They push themselves with their skis and poles. This is called cross-country skiing.



① Why do skiers have poles?

② Where do people cross-country ski?  down mountains  on flat land



Vocabulary

mountains    protect    half-pipes

There are many activities that people enjoy in winter. Two winter activities are skiing and snowboarding. There are things that are the same and different about the two sports. Both activities are enjoyed in the snow. Skiers and snowboarders go down big hills or mountains that are covered in snow.

Skiers wear two skis. Their skis are long and thin. They have special boots that snap into the skis. They carry two poles. They use the poles to balance as they move. Snowboarders wear special boots, too. Their boots snap into one board. Snowboards are wider and shorter than skis. Both skiers and snowboarders wear gear to protect them from the snow. They wear snow coats and pants, gloves, and goggles. They also wear helmets to protect them in case they fall.

Both skiers and snowboarders like to do tricks. They go off of jumps. They can flip and spin. They can grab their skis and snowboards. Snowboarders can go in half-pipes. They go from side to side. They do different tricks on each side. Skiers can go off of really tall jumps. They compete to see who can jump the farthest.

Both skiers and snowboarders like to go fast. They race down the hills and mountains to see who can get to the bottom the fastest. Which sport would you like to try?



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① How are skiing and snowboarding similar?

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② Which sport carries poles?    snowboarding    skiing    both

Vocabulary mountains slopes balance protect

There are two activities that people enjoy in the winter that have many similarities and differences. Skiing and snowboarding are both enjoyed in the snow. People go down large hills or mountains that are covered in snow. The areas where they can ski or snowboard are called slopes. Both skiing and snowboarding can be done for fun or competed in as sports.

Skiers wear two skis, one on each foot. The skis are long and thin. They are smooth, which helps them glide through the snow. Skiers carry one pole in each hand. They use the poles to balance as they move down the slopes. Skiers wear ski boots that snap into their skis. This keeps them connected. Snowboarders also wear special boots. Their boots strap into snowboards. It is one board that is wider and shorter than skis. When they are strapped onto their boards, they are looking sideways. They do not have poles to balance. Instead, they use their arms and bodies.

Both skiers and snowboarders like to go fast. They race down the slopes to see who can get to the bottom the fastest. They also like to do tricks. They can spin, flip, and grab. Snowboarders can do tricks in half-pipes and off of jumps. Skiers can do tricks off of jumps, too. Which sport would you like to try?



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① How are skiing and snowboarding similar?

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② Which one carries poles?  a skier  a snowboarder  both