

SNOW DAY

Mallory and Parker were fraternal twins with the same blonde hair and brown eyes. However, that is where the similarities stopped. The two of them were as different as night and day. As different as they were, they were thick as thieves and one could not be found without the other. One particular winter day, the twins found themselves with some unexpected free time.

As the twins woke up that day, they noticed snow had fallen the night before. So much snow that school had been canceled. Mallory sighed with frustration because she really wanted to finish her art project. Parker, on the other hand, was relieved because he had a difficult test in math that day that he was okay with missing. Regardless of their feelings toward missing school, both Mallory and Parker planned to make the best of their snow day.

Parker bundled up in his winter hat, scarf, gloves, and boots. He had gotten sick last winter and was not taking any chances this time. He ran downstairs to meet his sister by the door. He was surprised when he saw her standing by the door in a lightweight jacket without gloves or a hat.

"Why are you not ready? You really should be dressed more warmly than that," Parker said to his sister.

Mallory just shrugged her shoulders and outside they went. They played for about ten minutes before Mallory began to complain about the cold.

"My feet are ice because my socks and shoes are so wet and cold. Parker, how are you not freezing?" Mallory whined.

"First, I have on a hat that is keeping the heat from escaping my body. That alone is keeping me much warmer than you. Also, my snow boots are keeping the snow from getting in my shoes and socks," he explained to her.

"I know, I know. I guess I need to go inside and find something more appropriate to put on. You coming?" Mallory said, as she headed back inside.

"Sure, I could use some hot chocolate, and I just realized we forgot to let Mom know we were heading out. She may get worried," Parker replied as he followed his sister inside.



Stay Warm

When winter comes, so do cold temperatures, snow, and ice. Depending on where you live, you may have numerous opportunities to play outside in the snow, but it is important to remember to be safe at the same time. Next time you go out to build a snowman or go sledding, be sure that you aren't putting your health at risk.

Winter time is cold and that should come as no big surprise. However, you might be perplexed when you see some of your friends outfitted in shorts or t-shirts in the middle of winter. In order to protect your body from the cold wind and snow, and to stay warm in frigid temperatures, you must remember to first dress appropriately. Let's start at the top - your head. Since most of your heat leaves out of the top of your head, keep that heat inside by wearing a hat or hood on your head. Be sure that your winter coat is warm enough, and dress in multiple layers underneath in order to fight off the cold. Keep your hands bundled up with gloves or mittens and wear boots to keep snow and water from getting your socks wet. Wet socks and shoes often mean a chilly kid.

Once you are bundled, be sure to tell someone where you will be going outside, and when you will be back. This way, if you haven't come back inside when you were supposed to, your parents will know exactly where to look for you. Finally, when you are outside in the cold weather, you might be tempted to cross frozen bodies of water. Be extremely careful, as water might seem frozen solid, but looks can be deceiving. As a rule, don't step on ice unless there is a flag or sign posted stating that it is safe.

Sometimes the weather will be so cold that it is unsafe to be outside at all. Listen to your parents and teachers and stay indoors if this is the case. You can head back out to play in the snow when it is safe.



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Set 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. Compare and contrast the two twins' reactions to school being canceled.

2. Based on the details in the text, why does Parker choose to dress appropriately while playing in the snow?

3. Determine the meaning of the phrase "my feet are ice" as used in *Snow Day*. Then determine the type of figurative language being used.

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Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. Determine the meaning of the phrase "thick as thieves" as used in the text.

5. Explain how the image matches the details in the text. Also explain how the image supports the author's main point.

6. Compare and contrast how the two twins each chose to dress for the snow day. Include specific details in your response.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. Determine the author's main point in writing the text. What details support the main point?

2. Determine the main idea of paragraph 2. Explain how you know this is the main idea.

3. According to the text, why should people be careful when playing or walking around frozen water?

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Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. Determine the meaning of the phrase "putting your health at risk" as used in paragraph 1 of the text.

5. According to the text, why should one wear boots when playing in the snow?

6. Determine the main idea of paragraph 4. Explain how you know this is the main idea.

Paired Comprehension

Set 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. What tips from *Stay Warm* does Parker follow when he gets dressed?

2. According to *Stay Warm*, what is a reason that Parker should tell his mom were they are?

Paired Comprehension

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Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. What do both passages teach the reader? How do the authors approach this lesson in different ways?

4. What tip from *Stay Warm* is not a concern for the twins in *Snow Day*? Explain how you know.

Dear Mallery...

Set 2

Write a letter to Mallery convincing her to dress appropriately. Use details from both texts in your letter.
