

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hello! I am sending this letter home in case of an elearning day due to inclement weather. In this packet you will find several smaller assignments for each of our subjects. It is the policy of the school corporation that a student be provided with 90 minutes of instructional material for attendance on an elearning day and to avoid any absences on their record.

In the packet you will find: several math worksheets covering what we have been working on the past few lessons, several short stories with attached writing assignments, grammar worksheets and some critical thinking activities.

The expectation is for paper/pencil work to be completed the day of cancellation and returned to school the next day. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me. Hopefully, we won't have to utilize any snow days, but it is always good to be prepared. Have a great evening, stay safe and warm!

Thanks,

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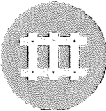
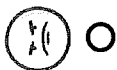
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### DAILY CHECK-IN

Choose the emoji that best fits your current mood. Then, **explain** why you feel this way below.



### WORD MORPH

Change the starting word by replacing, removing, or adding letters to it to make it into new words, using the clues as a guide.

P A I N

Change one letter  
"the water droplets that come from the sky"



Add one letter  
"the organ in your head that helps you think"



Change one letter  
"an opening where water leaves a sink"



### RIDDLE OF THE DAY

Do your best to answer the riddle below. Even if you don't know, give your best educated guess!

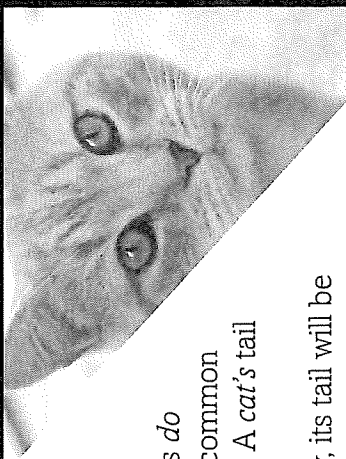
What needs to be broken before you can use it?

### YOUR ANSWER

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If you can **dream** it, you can do it.

- Walt Disney



## What a Cat's Tail can Tell You

Most people would probably say that cats and dogs are the opposites of each other, but dogs and cats *do* have some things in common. One thing they have in common is that their tails tell us a lot about what they're feeling! A cat's tail can probably tell us even more than a dog's tail.

A happy cat *doesn't* wag its tail. If a cat is happy, its tail will be pointed straight up and if the cat is *very happy* its tail will be pointed straight up *and* be extremely fluffy! When a cat wags its tail, it's usually very annoyed. A cat with a fluffy tail that's pointed straight *back* (and not up) while its back is arched is usually very angry and is warning people to stay away.

1. What is the **main idea** of the text?

- ☐ A Cats and dogs are the same.
- ☐ B Dogs are more peaceful.
- ☐ C A cat's tail tells you how it feels.
- ☐ D Cats can't be understood.

2. What does the text **explicitly** say about a happy cat's tail?

- ☐ A A cat's tail can say a lot.
- ☐ B Annoyed cats warn you to stay away.
- ☐ C Happy cats have fluffy tails that point straight *back*.
- ☐ D A happy cat's tail *won't* wag.



### FIX THE ERRORS

Fix the **capitalization errors** by rewriting the sentence(s) below.

mrs. metz visited the grand canyon last week.

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# Snow Troops

By Rebecca T. Besser

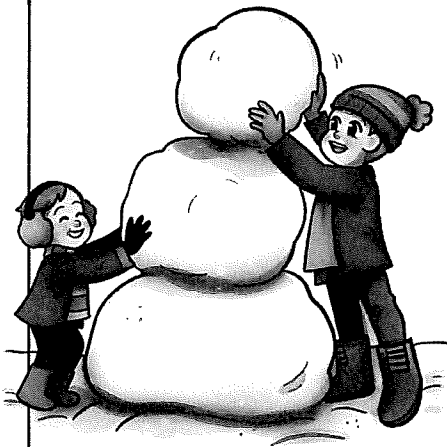


Sitting at the window, I watch the falling snow.  
Fluttering, swirling, gusting, in a blinding white glow.

I hurry to put on my boots, gloves, coat, and hat.  
Eager to be outside and make snowballs that go *splat*.

My brother follows my example and gets ready too.  
With snow on the ground there's so much we can do!

Under our booted feet the snow crunches as we walk.  
The cold air against our warm faces is a pleasant shock.



Scooping, molding, pressing, throwing; we're having fun.  
Breaths puff out in steamy clouds as we laugh and run.

We decide to build a snowman to stand in our yard.  
Rolling up the heavy snow we need is very, very hard.

Finally we see progress, after much effort and strain.  
We work hard on his big white head that has no brain.

We search for black coal to make his dark eyes.  
What expression will he have? We'll make it a surprise!

A carrot for a nose and two long arms made of wood.  
We add a mouth to his face; he's beginning to look good.

We find some mittens, a scarf, and a hat for his clothes.  
Stepping back we laugh at his silly expression and his pose.

Time passes quickly and the cold temperature gets colder.  
Back in the house, I shrug my heavy coat off my shoulder.

Warm cocoa with marshmallows, dry clothes, and hot soup,  
Leads to full tummies and warm comfort for tired snow troops.



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1. Where do the first three stanzas of the poem take place?

a. outside in the backyard      b. outside in the front yard  
c. outside in the park      d. inside

2. Name the items of clothing that are used to dress the snowman.

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3. Line 10 of the poem says:

*Breaths puff out in steamy clouds as we laugh and run.*

What does this sentence mean?

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4. Line 20 of the poem says:

*Stepping back we laugh at his silly expression and his pose.*

Which is the best definition for the underlined word?

a. way of standing      b. goofy mouth  
c. mean look      d. way of moving

5. What happens to the temperature later in the day?

a. it rises      b. it falls  
c. it stays the same      d. it snows

6. How is the beginning of the poem similar to the end of the poem?

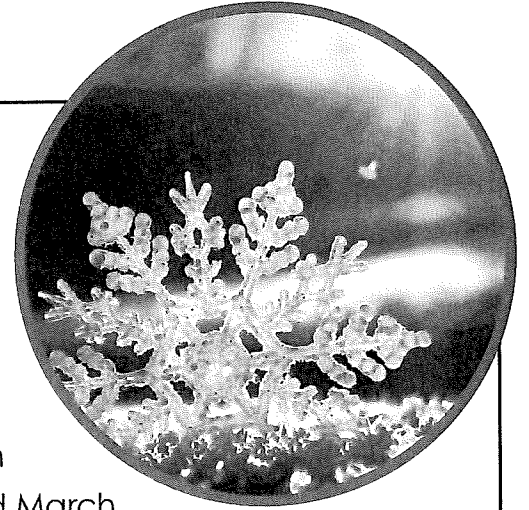
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# Winter



Winter is the best season of the year. During the winter months, temperatures are usually colder and there are fewer hours of daylight. The winter months in North America are December, January, February, and March.

Cold winter temperatures are caused by the tilting of the Earth. When Earth's Northern Hemisphere is tilted away from the sun, there are fewer hours of daylight and the temperature is colder. When the Northern Hemisphere tilts towards the sun, there is more daylight time and the temperatures are warmer. The tilting of the Earth as it spins causes the seasons to change.

Animals have special ways of preparing themselves for winter. Some animals, like birds and butterflies travel long distances, or migrate, to warmer temperatures during the winter months. Other animals go to sleep, or hibernate, during the winter. Bears, gophers, snakes, and bats hibernate. Squirrels and raccoons don't migrate or hibernate. Instead, they gather extra food during the fall months and store it away so they have plenty to eat during the winter.

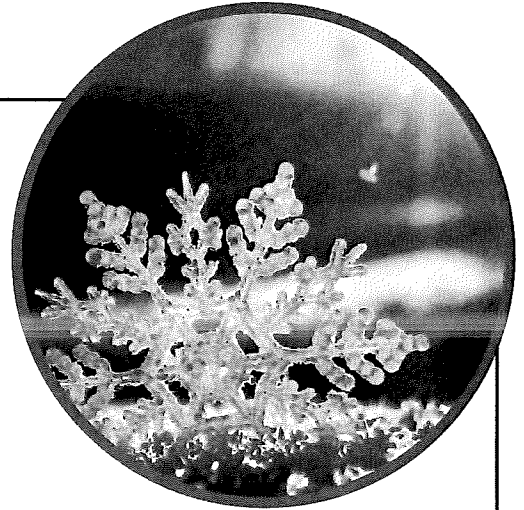
In some areas, winter is a time when snow falls and gathers on the ground. People who live in these places can enjoy special winter activities like skiing, sledding, or snowboarding. They can also build snowmen and snow castles. When the water in lakes and ponds freeze, people can ice skate or play ice hockey. Some people even cut a hole in the ice and go ice fishing!





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# Winter



Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are the winter months in North America?

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2. Is there more daylight time during the summer months or winter months?

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3. What causes the seasons to change?

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4. During the winter months, is the Northern Hemisphere tilted towards the sun or away from the sun?

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5. What does the word *hibernate* mean? List two animals that hibernate.

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6. What do squirrels and raccoons do to prepare for the winter?

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7. What does the word *migrate* mean?

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8. Name three activities mentioned in the article that require a frozen pond or lake.

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9. Which sentence in the first paragraph is an opinion?

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10. Write a short paragraph describing some things you like to do in the winter.

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## Fix the Sentences Winter D-1

Me and my friend is building a snowman. (3 errors)

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we used a carrot for it's nowse. (3 errors)

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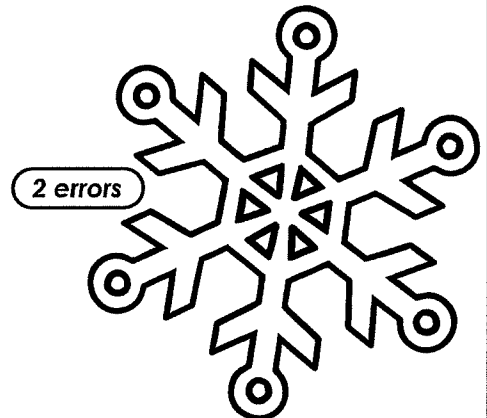
## Fix the Sentences Winter D-2

We maked snowflak decorations out of paper for are classroom. (3 errors)

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Shayannes snowflake was the prettyest in the class. (2 errors)

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## Fix the Sentences Winter D-3

We seen the boy's having a snowbal fight. (3 errors)

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Thay was throwing snowballs at each other. (2 errors)

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## Fix the Sentences Winter D-4

Me and Lee is going ice skating over the weekend. (3 errors)

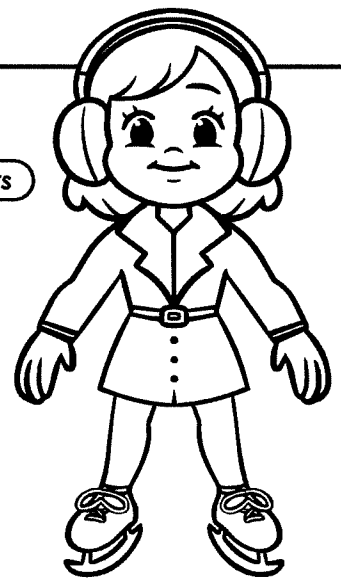
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Ive never bin ice skating before (3 errors)

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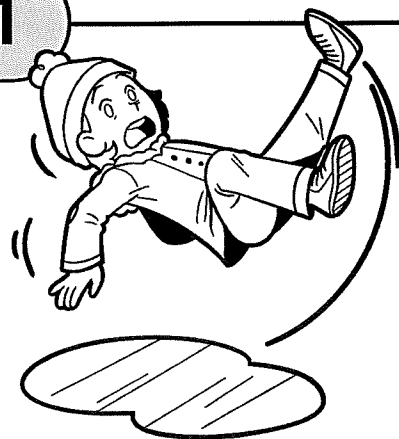
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## Fix the Sentences Winter E-1

The Ice can be very slipperie in the Winter. (3 errors)



Its important to walk carfully so you don't fall and get hert. (3 errors)

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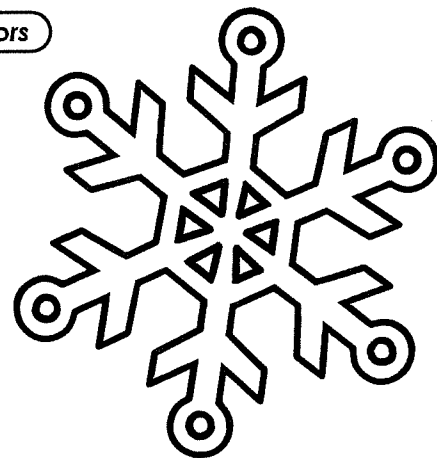
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## Fix the Sentences Winter E-2

Did you no that no to snowflakes are the same (3 errors)



Snowflaeks are beutiful in the sunlite. (3 errors)

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## Fix the Sentences Winter E-3

There was a blizzard last week in buffalo ny. (3 errors)

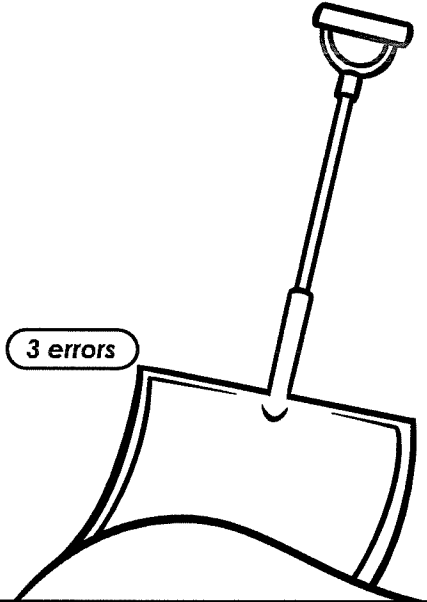
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We had to shovle over 5 Feet of snow in are driveway. (3 errors)

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## Fix the Sentences Winter E-4

Many peopel enjoys skiing in the Winter. (3 errors)

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Their are really great ski resorts in Colorado Montana, and vermont. (3 errors)

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Alphabetical Order: Advanced

## Alphabetical Order

Rewrite each word list in alphabetical order.



1. wintry, winter, windy, melting, melt

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2. frosty, frigid, freezing, frozen, frost

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3. snowy, sledding, scarf, snowfall, snowman

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4. icicle, igloo, flurries, ice, flakes

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5. cold, coat, cocoa, boots, blizzard

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# WINTER BREAK WRITING!

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. In the bottom-left corner, there is a small, stylized black snowflake icon. The rest of the page is empty.







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## Adding Fractions

with the Same Denominators

**Step 1:** Add the numerators.

example:  $\frac{3}{5}$

**Step 2:** Use the same denominator

$+\frac{1}{5}$

**Step 3:** Simplify the fraction, if possible.

$\frac{4}{5}$

Add the fractions, simplify if possible.

a.  $\frac{1}{10}$   
 $+\frac{4}{10}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

b.  $\frac{2}{5}$   
 $+\frac{1}{5}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

c.  $\frac{3}{8}$   
 $+\frac{2}{8}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

d.  $\frac{1}{3}$   
 $+\frac{1}{3}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

e.  $\frac{1}{9}$   
 $+\frac{4}{9}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

f.  $\frac{5}{12}$   
 $+\frac{4}{12}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

g.  $\frac{7}{12}$   
 $+\frac{5}{12}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

h.  $\frac{1}{5}$   
 $+\frac{1}{5}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

i.  $\frac{1}{7} + \frac{3}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

j.  $\frac{6}{10} + \frac{3}{10} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

k.  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

l.  $\frac{7}{12} + \frac{2}{12} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

m.  $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

n.  $\frac{3}{11} + \frac{3}{11} =$  \_\_\_\_\_



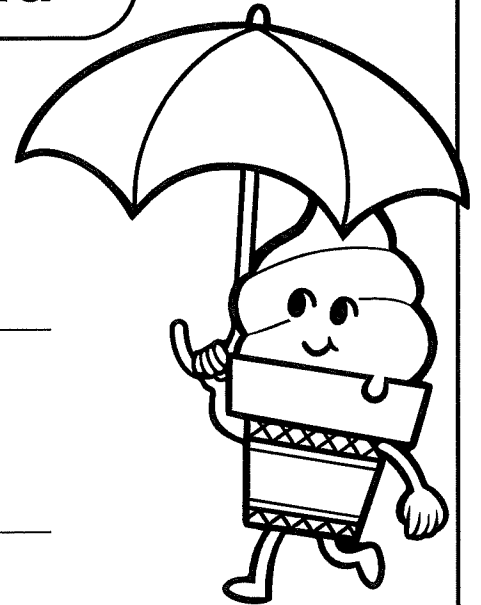




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## Ice Cream Umbrella

Add the fractions. Then solve the riddle by matching the letters to the blank lines below.



**E**  $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**I**  $\frac{6}{12} + \frac{5}{12} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**N**  $\frac{5}{11} + \frac{3}{11} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**A**  $\frac{3}{9} + \frac{4}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**S**  $\frac{6}{10} + \frac{3}{10} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**R**  $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{4}{8} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**C**  $\frac{1}{11} + \frac{3}{11} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**A**  $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{2}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**C**  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**P**  $\frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{6} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**E**  $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**F**  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**L**  $\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**H**  $\frac{5}{10} + \frac{2}{10} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**K**  $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**O**  $\frac{2}{11} + \frac{4}{11} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**N**  $\frac{3}{12} + \frac{4}{12} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**S**  $\frac{1}{7} + \frac{3}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Why did the ice cream carry an umbrella?**

Because there was \_\_\_\_\_  
 $\frac{7}{9}$        $\frac{3}{4}$        $\frac{7}{10}$        $\frac{6}{7}$        $\frac{8}{11}$        $\frac{4}{11}$        $\frac{4}{5}$

\_\_\_\_\_  
 $\frac{6}{11}$        $\frac{2}{3}$        $\frac{4}{7}$        $\frac{5}{6}$        $\frac{5}{8}$        $\frac{11}{12}$        $\frac{7}{12}$        $\frac{5}{9}$        $\frac{8}{9}$        $\frac{3}{5}$        $\frac{9}{10}$



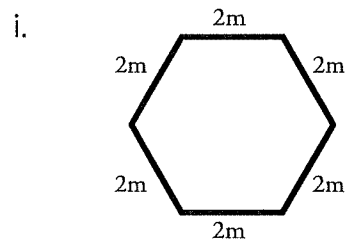
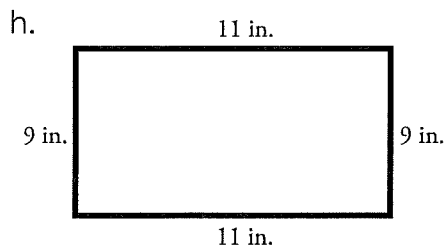
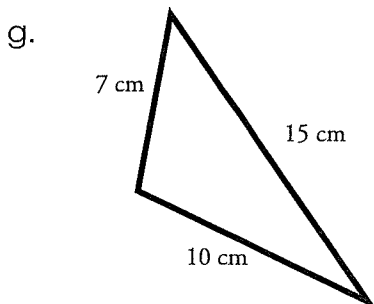
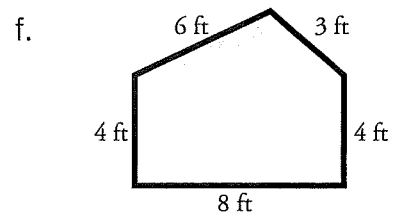
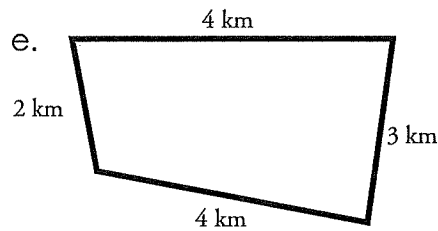
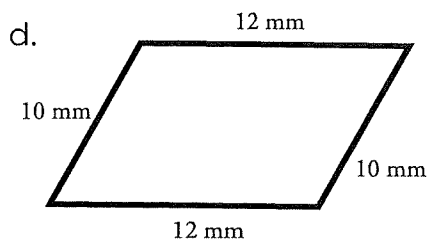
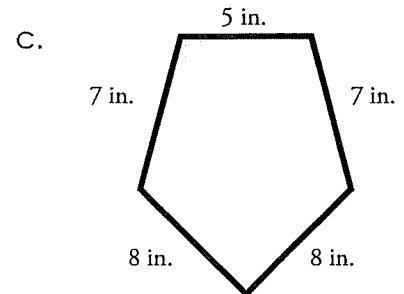
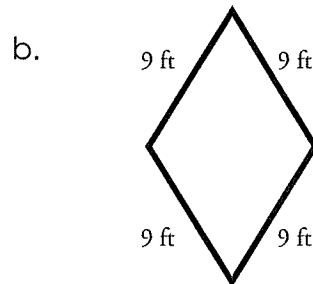
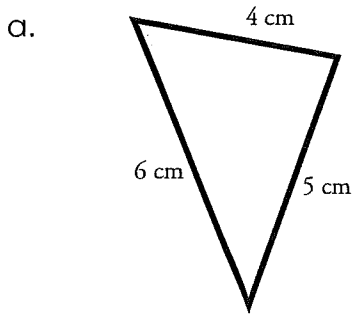




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## Perimeter of a Polygon

Find the perimeter of each shape by adding the lengths of each side. Be sure to include the units in your answer.





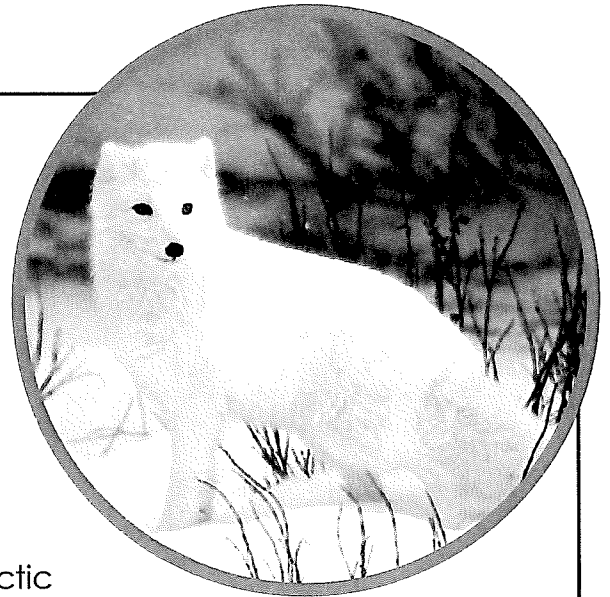




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# The Amazingly Adapted Arctic Fox

By Guy Belleranti



A fascinating hunter makes its home in the Arctic tundra. The fluffy white mammal is known to leap high in the air before pouncing on the burrow of its suspected prey. After a few seconds of furious digging, the small hunter emerges from the snow-covered ground with a tasty snack—a lemming. What animal uses such acrobatic hunting techniques? The arctic fox.

Arctic foxes live in all regions of the northern Arctic. You might be surprised to learn that arctic foxes don't hibernate, even though their habitat is very cold. They live in underground burrows and are active throughout the year.

These foxes are amazingly adapted for their habitat. Thick multilayered fur keeps them extra warm. In winter, this coat is white (or occasionally blue-gray). This provides camouflage in the snow and ice. In summer, the coat turns a brown-gray, helping the foxes blend in with rocks and small Arctic tundra plants.

Arctic foxes have a big fluffy tail. This tail makes a great scarf. Meanwhile, their furry paws, small ears, and short muzzle helps prevent heat loss. The fur on the bottom of their paws keeps them from slipping when they run across ice.

As winter approaches, Arctic foxes increase their body fat by eating as much as they can. This fat provides extra insulation and energy. What do arctic foxes eat? Since these animals are omnivores, they eat other animals (lemmings, hares, small birds, fish, as well as eggs) and plants (berries and seaweed). When food is scarce, they eat the scraps left behind by polar bears and wolves. Arctic foxes can find prey above ground or beneath the snow because of their excellent senses of hearing and smell.

Arctic foxes usually mate for life. The mother gives birth to five, ten, or even more pups. Both parents raise the pups in underground dens that often include a network of many tunnels.



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1. In the article, you learned how arctic foxes are uniquely adapted to their environment. Describe three ways an arctic fox's body helps it stay warm in the cold arctic climate.

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2. Based on the information in the article, which choice below **best** describes the amount of energy an arctic fox uses when it hunts prey?

a. no energy at all      b. very little energy  
c. some energy      d. a lot of energy

3. In the article, you learned that arctic foxes are omnivores. Based on what you know about an arctic fox's diet, circle the animal that might have the **most similar** diet to an arctic fox.

rabbit      deer      brown bear      tiger

4. The article doesn't mention whether or not arctic foxes are an endangered species. If you had to take an educated guess, based on the text, would you classify the arctic fox as endangered, threatened, or populous (meaning there are a lot of them)? What clues from the article helped you decide?

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# Unicorn of the Sea

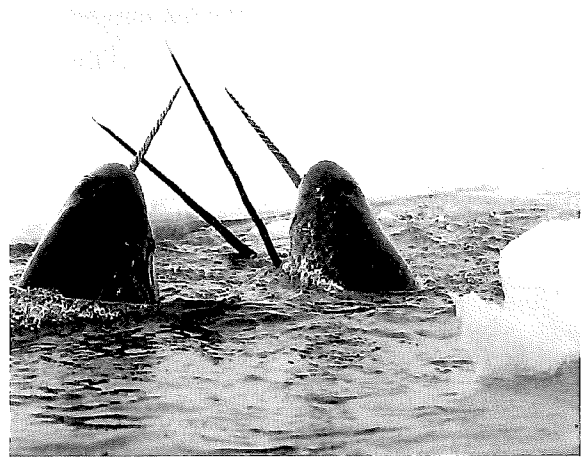
By Guy Belleranti

When people think of tusked animals, elephants and walruses often come to mind. But did you know that there is a whale with a long tusk? Some people call this species of whale the "unicorn of the sea," but its actual name is the narwhal.

The narwhal is a toothed whale that lives in the cold waters of the Arctic Ocean. They only have two teeth, both in the upper jaw. In males, one of these teeth grows straight through the upper lip into an amazing eight to nine-foot long, spiraled tusk. Female narwhals also have tusks, but they are usually much smaller.

Why do males grow such long tusks? Scientists aren't sure, but it might be to attract females and to battle rival males. A male may also use its tusk to defend against predators like orcas, polar bears and walruses.

Narwhals are the only whales that remain in the arctic during winter. They are social animals and live in groups called pods. Mothers give birth to a single five-foot long baby about every three years. Full grown narwhals average 13 to 20 feet in length, with males being larger than females.



## Interesting Narwhal Facts

*People in medieval times would find narwhal tusks on beaches and think they came from the mythical unicorn. For this reason the narwhal is sometimes called "the unicorn of the sea."*

*Native Inuit people traditionally hunt the narwhal for the ivory in their tusks and as a source of food and vitamins.*

*Most narwhals have one tusk, but a few have been found that have two!*



Narwhals have a compact body with short flippers and no dorsal (back) fin. If necessary, they can dive over half a mile beneath the winter ice in search of food. They sometimes stay under water 20 to 25 minutes on these dives. A carnivore (or meat-eater), narwhals eat shrimp, fish and squid. Since they don't have a mouth full of teeth they must swallow their food whole.



*The picture above shows a narwhal's body shape. Notice the narwhal's size compared to the human diver.*

*(Credit: Chris Huh)*



## About the Author

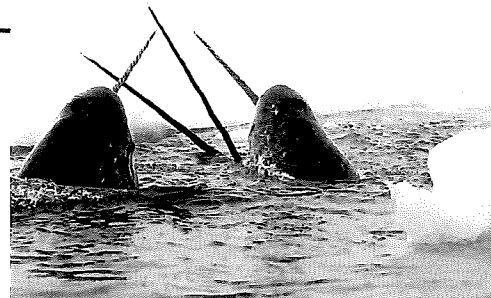
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1. A tusk is...

- a. a long, pointed tooth
- b. a long, pointed bone
- c. a long, pointed tail
- d. a long, pointed mouth

2. Which might you travel to if you wanted to see a Narwhal: Canada, Antarctica, or Australia? Explain your answer.

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3. Why do Native Inuit people sometimes hunt narwhals?

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4. Tell whether each sentence is true or false.

\_\_\_\_\_ All narwhals have only one tusk.

\_\_\_\_\_ Narwhals stay in the Arctic during the winter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Narwhals eat both plants and animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Narwhals have over one hundred teeth.

\_\_\_\_\_ A male narwal's tusk can grow over eight feet long.



