

How to Build a Snowman

10 First, find a patch of snow and begin to gather
20 it into a ball. Make sure you squeeze the snow
28 together so that it is tightly stuck together.

38 Next, roll the ball you have made around on the
49 floor so that more snow sticks to it and it gets
59 bigger and bigger. Do the same again to make a
69 head and put it on top of the snowman's body.

77 After that, find two sticks for arms, a
84 carrot for a nose and some stones
89 to make the snowman's eyes
94 and mouth. Don't forget to
99 dress your snowman in a
102 hat and scarf.



Quick Questions



1. Number these instructions from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

_____ Find two sticks for arms.

_____ Squeeze the snow together.

_____ Dress your snowman in a hat and scarf.



2. Why is it important to make sure that the snow sticks together tightly?



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Answers

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- 1 Squeeze the snow together.
- 3 Dress your snowman in a hat and scarf.

2. Why is it important to make sure that the snow sticks together tightly?

Accept any sensible reason, e.g. It is important to make sure the snow sticks together tightly otherwise the snowman's body will fall apart when you put the head on.

3. What are the stones needed for?

The stones are used to make the snowman's eyes and mouth.

4. What do you predict will happen to the snowman as the weather gets warmer?

Accept any answer regarding the snowman beginning to melt.

Song of the Seasons

- 5 In spring time, the forest, 56 Ah, wind, is it winter?
9 In summer, the sea, 60 Yes, winter is here;
13 In autumn, the mountains, 65 With snow on the meadow,
17 In winter, we freeze. 69 And ice growing near.
22 How nice, the old branches 73 The daylight is short,
25 Bursting with buds, 78 But the firelight is long;
29 The primrose and bluebell 82 Ice-skating's our sport,
34 Freshly grown in the woods. 87 Then a story and song.
38 All green things unfolding, 92 In spring time, the forest,
42 Where merry birds sing! 96 In summer, the sea,
47 I love in the woodlands 100 In autumn, the mountains,
51 To wander in spring. 104 In winter, just me.

Quick Questions

1. '*...where merry birds sing!*' In this line, what does 'merry' mean?



2. Number these seasons from 1 to 4 to show the order they appear in the poem.

_____ autumn _____ spring

_____ summer _____ winter



3. How does the author feel about the branches in spring time? Find evidence from the poem.



4. Fill in the missing words below using the text to help you.

'The daylight is _____ but the firelight is _____.'



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Answers

1. *'...where merry birds sing!'* In this line, what does 'merry' mean?



Accept any answer related to merry meaning 'happy' or 'cheerful'.

2. Number these seasons from 1 to 4 to show the order they appear in the poem.



**3 autumn 1 spring
2 summer 4 winter**

3. How does the author feel about the branches in spring time? Find evidence from the poem.



Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. The author likes the branches in spring time because he says, 'how nice'.

4. Fill in the missing words below using the text to help you.



'The daylight is long but the firelight is short.'

Terrible Tornadoes

7 Tornadoes are sometimes called twisters. They are
17 very large and fast spirals of air that come from
25 a thunderstorm on the ground. They are often
34 grey in colour and look like an elephant's trunk
43 spinning from the sky to the floor. Tornadoes can
52 have wind speeds of up to three hundred miles-
62 per-hour so they can cause a lot of damage.
66 They can easily destroy
69 large buildings, pull
74 trees out of the ground
78 and can even carry
83 cars through the air for
87 a long distance. Most
92 tornadoes only last for a
97 few minutes but no one
102 quite knows how or why
104 they stop.



Quick Questions



1. What are tornadoes sometimes called?



2. How might someone feel if they see a tornado coming? Give a reason.



3. '*...they cause a lot of damage.*' In this sentence, what does 'damage' mean?



4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

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Answers



1. What are tornadoes sometimes called?

twisters



2. How might someone feel if they see a tornado coming? Give a reason.

Accept any sensible inference that is linked to the text, e.g. They might feel worried because tornadoes are very dangerous and can cause a lot of damage.



3. '*...they cause a lot of damage.*' In this sentence, what does 'damage' mean?

Accept any answer related to damage meaning 'breakage' or 'destruction'.



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- 2 Tornadoes easily destroy large buildings.



Terrific Travel Competition

9 Win an exciting holiday for two to the sunny
 13 getaway of Shell Beach!

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 30 refreshing drink in your hand. Watch the dolphins
 39 swim and play in the crystal blue ocean. Sunbathe
 48 in our comfy hammocks or read your book beneath
 58 the shady palm trees. Why not rent a boat and
 67 ride the waves to see what this stunning island
 70 has to offer?

82 To enter, all you need to do is write a letter to
 88 Terrific Travel, describing your dream holiday
 98 in the sun. All entries must be sent by 20th
 108 June to be in with a chance of winning this
 110 incredible prize.

Quick Questions



1. Where will you go if you win the prize?

2. How might someone feel if they won this prize?
Give a reason.



3. Which two adjectives does the author use to describe the drinks on Shell Beach?

_____ and _____



4. Number these activities from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

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**Accept any sensible inference, e.g.
They might feel excited to go to Shell
Beach and see the dolphins because
they have never seen them before.**



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describe the drinks on Shell Beach?

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- 1 watching the dolphins