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Why is everyone wearing warm clothes?

It was a cold winter day and it was snowing heavily outside the cottage. Megan and Mark were wrapped in their blankets and wearing their hats.

Grandma Mara was telling them stories. The whole family was sitting next to the fireplace to keep warm. It was so cold that even the children's pets sat under the blankets.

"Grandma it's so cold we can't go play outside. Will you please read us a story?" asked Mark.

"Yes! Read us a story about the farmer and the snake," said Megan.

"Oh, OK, children. So, once upon a time, there was a farmer whose name was Fred."





What story do the children ask Grandma to read to them?

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ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



13 Listen and say.



tie



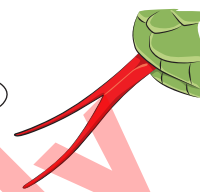
bundle of wood



shoulder



slither



tongue



stick out



sleepy eyes



freezing



pick up



pocket

14 Read and answer with yes or no.

- 1 Fred carried a lot of wood.
- 2 Fred saw a cat slithering on the snow.
- 3 The snake was sticking out his head.
- 4 Fred wanted to help the snake.
- 5 Fred put the snake in his pocket.

Yes

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15 Look at each picture and write the correct word from Ex. 13.



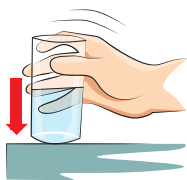
- 1 He didn't sleep well last night. Look at his
- 2 She is cold so she put her hands in her
- 3 There is only one We need some more.
- 4 He carried the wood on his

ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16  Listen and say.



put down



warm up



fool



bite



break a promise

17  Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 has / Fred / to the cottage / returned / with a bundle of wood
Fred has returned to the cottage with a bundle of wood.

2 broken / The / has / snake / its promise

3 the farmer / was a fool / The snake / to trust / believed / him

4 I / this bundle / put down / because it's heavy / need to / of wood

18   Listen and tick (✓) the correct picture.

1 What is James carrying?

☐ a



☐ b



☐ c

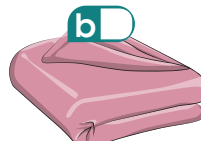


3 Where mustn't Harry put the snake?

☐ a



☐ b



☒ c



2 How is Mary feeling?

☐ a



☐ b

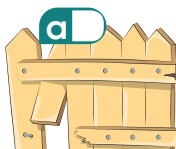


☐ c



4 What did Alice take a picture of?

☐ a



☐ b



☐ c



WORD LIST

axe	forest	snow
bite	freeze	snow falling
blanket	freezing	snowy forest
blow	fur	stick out
boots	ground	swing
break a promise	heavy winter	tell stories
bundle of wood	hood	thick coat
burn	leave	throw away
chop	logs	tie
clump of snow	pets	tongue
cold	pick up	ungrateful
cold wind	pile	walk quickly
cottage	pocket	wander
cut down	poisonous	warm
drop	put down	warm up
farmer	repay	winter
fence	shoulder	wrap
fireplace	sleepy eyes	yell
firewood	slither	
fool	snake	

KEY STRUCTURES

in this story:

- Present Perfect – Past Simple
- winter words
- climate

Headwords:

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On a cold winter day, a farmer named Fred decides to cut wood for his family. On his way back home from the forest, he meets a freezing snake. Can the snake be trusted? Should the farmer help it?



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