

Realistic
Fiction

A vibrant winter scene. In the foreground, a snowman is being built by two children. The child on the left wears a purple coat and pink scarf, while the child on the right wears a red coat and yellow striped scarf. The snowman has a carrot nose, stick arms, and a colorful scarf. In the background, a house with a window shows a person looking out. A deer stands in the snow, and a bird is flying. The scene is filled with falling snow and sparkles.

SNOW DAY

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A Mountain of Snow

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Visualize

Skill: Cause and Effect

Vocabulary

been, children, country,
gathers, month, question,
their, year

Phonics

Silent letters *wr, kn, gn*

Content Standards

Science

Earth Science

Word count: 289**

**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



Genre Realistic Fiction



Essential Question

How can weather affect us?



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A Mountain of Snow13



Rosie presses her nose
against the cold window.
Snow is falling and the
ground is covered in white.



Rosie lives in the country.
It's the first snow day of
the year.

"Rosie," calls her sister, Tess.
"What are you doing?"

"I'm watching the snow,"
Rosie calls back.

Tess and Rosie talk about the snow while they eat.

“Mom, can we go outside?”
they ask.





"Yes, but bundle up," Mom says. "It's cold out there!"

The girls dress in their warmest clothes.

STOP AND CHECK

Why are Rosie and Tess wearing warm clothes?



“What should we do?”
asks Rosie.

“That’s a good question,”
Tess says. “I know! Let’s
build a snowman.”

Tess gathers some nuts. She says, "These can be the snowman's eyes! We can use a carrot for the nose."

"And seeds for the mouth!" adds Rosie.



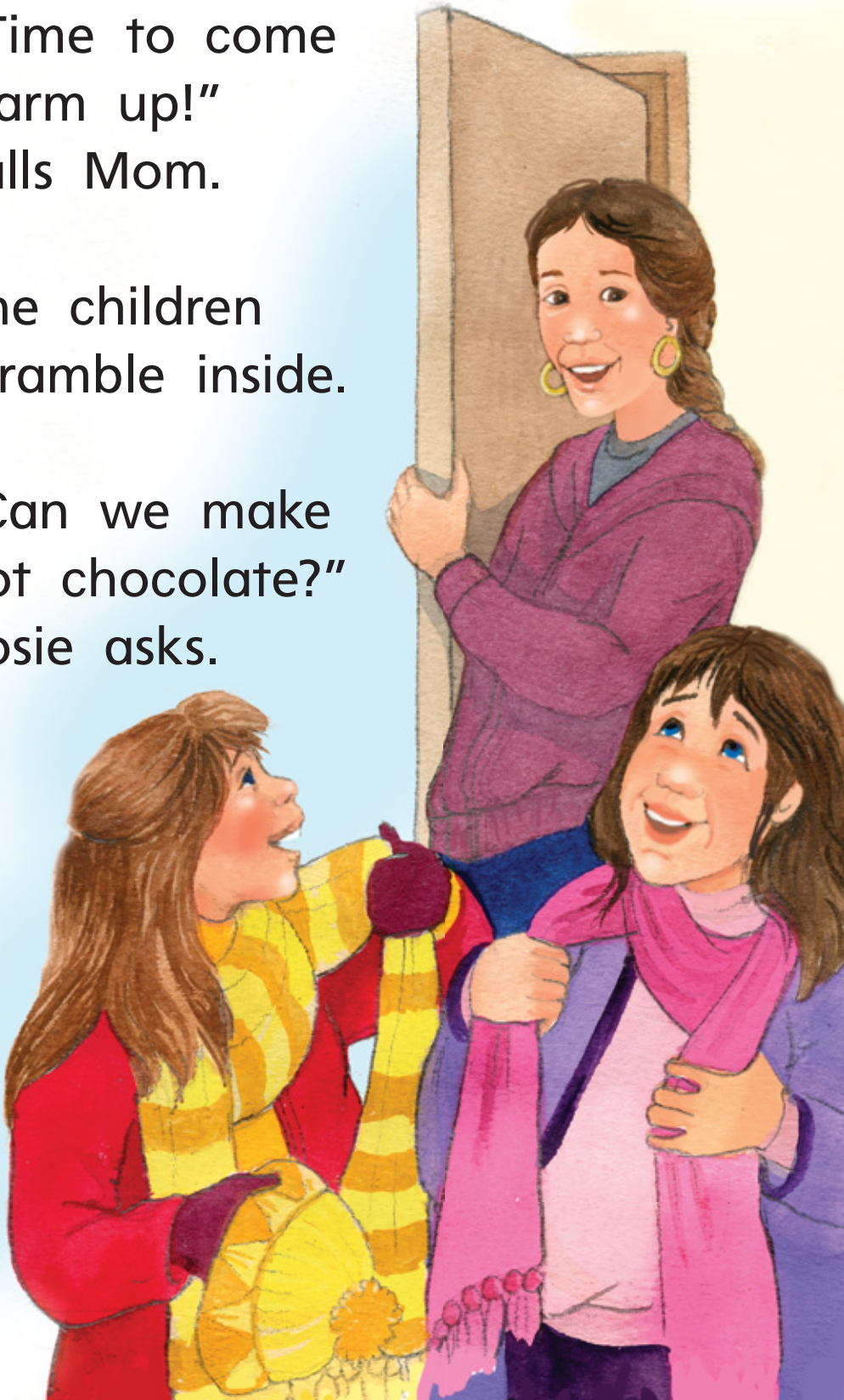
STOP AND CHECK

What do the girls do outside?

"Time to come warm up!" calls Mom.

The children scramble inside.

"Can we make hot chocolate?" Rosie asks.



“Good idea,” says Mom.

“Then we can have a snowball fight!” Rosie adds.





Later, Rosie says, "I wish today didn't have to end."

"This has been the first of many snow days this month," says Mom.

STOP AND CHECK

Why doesn't Rosie want the day to end?

Tess laughs. "Look!" she says.
"A deer is gnawing our
snowman's nose!"

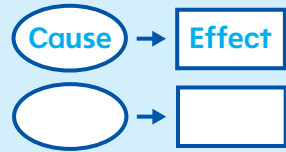
Rosie says, "I love living in
the country!"



Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to help you retell *Snow Day*.



Text Evidence

1. Look at page 2. What effect does the snow have? **Cause and Effect**
2. Look at page 8. Why do Tess and Rosie go inside? **Cause and Effect**
3. *Snow Day* is a made-up story that seems like it could be real. Why? **Genre**



Genre Nonfiction

Compare Texts

Read more about snow.

A Mountain of Snow

If you like snow, Mount Rainier is the place for you!

So Much Snow!

Mount Rainier is in Washington State. The mountain is covered with snow for most of the year.

About 94 feet of snow fell here in one year. Do you know how tall that is? It's like 24 first graders standing on one another's shoulders!

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Snowy Fun

Many people like to be outside in the snow. They like to camp, walk, sled, ski, and climb. They use snowshoes and skis to get around in the snow and ice.



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Make Connections

Look at both stories. How can you have fun in the snow? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Science

Purpose To learn what happens in hot weather

What to Do

Step 1

Take two pots of grass. Set them in a window.

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Step 2

Water one pot of grass. Do it every day for five days.

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Step 3

Do not water the other pot.

Conclusion What happens to the grass that is not watered?

Thinkmark

Characters

How do the girls feel about the snow day? How do you know?

Plot

How do the girls spend their snow day?

Make Connections

What would you do on a snow day?