



# Reading Science

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Snowman

1. Snow fell from the sky. Paige watched from inside her warm home as giant, white flakes landed on the window. Snow in Florida! This was a treat and one that did not happen very often. The excitement she felt inside could not be contained and she jumped up and down on the family sofa. She cried, “Snow! Snow!”
2. Her mother came running in from the kitchen. She said, “Wow! It’s coming down hard. Maybe there will be enough for you to create a snow sculpture! It’s supposed to be cold enough so that it won’t melt quickly.”
3. Paige said, “Eeeeeee!” as she clapped her hands together with a huge grin on her face.
4. The snow continued to cover the green grass with flakes of white. It snowed heavily all night long. When Paige woke up she was amazed that there was about three inches of the white fluffiness on the ground.
5. She jumped out of bed and found her coat, mittens, and scarf quickly. She ran outside and immediately ran into the snow. She took a handful and threw it into the air. She was the happiest girl in the world!
6. Soon, her friend Lilly came running over, kicking up snow as she landed in the wet, white substance. The girls started packing the snow together and formed a large, oddly shaped sphere. They began to construct another sphere, but this time, they made it a bit smaller than the first. Using their teamwork skills, they lifted the second sphere onto the top of the first one. They proceeded to make a third sphere that was the smallest yet and place it on top of the other two.
7. Paige ran inside and found an orange carrot in the fridge, some charcoal from the grill, a purple hat from her toy box, and a plaid scarf from the laundry room. She took them outside and Lilly helped dress the snowman that they had made. They completed their snowman with a couple of dried palms from the tall palm tree in the yard. The girls were excited about their work. They had big smiles across their faces as they went inside to warm up.



# Reading Science

8. The next day, Paige came downstairs and looked outside, and what did she see? Her snowman was gone. Where had he gone? She began to cry. Her mom heard her crying from the kitchen and came into the living room to see what was the matter.
9. “My snowman...he’s g-g-gone,” cried Paige.
10. Her mom said, “I know you can’t see him, but he is still there.”
11. Paige grabbed a tissue to wipe her tears and asked, “What do you mean?”
12. Her mom said, “He has just changed from ice to water. Do you see that big puddle around the base of him? That is him. He is the same. Some of him is probably also a gas by now. If we were to take that water and the gas around us and turn it back into snow, you would have the same substance to make him again. He would weigh the same, turn back into ice, and you could build him all over to be the exact same, even including his little bulges in his belly.”
13. “Really?” asked Paige.
14. Her mom said, “Yes, so, don’t be too sad because he’s still there, he just has the ability to change the form of matter that he’s in.”
15. Paige said, “I wish we could bring him in and change him back to be my snow buddy.”
16. “Well, you’ll have the memory of him and he will always be around you because water is always around us.”
17. “Thanks, mom. I’ll miss him, but feel better knowing he’s always with me.”



# Reading Science

- 1** The reader can tell that Paige \_\_\_\_\_.
- A** likes to investigate science
  - B** has never seen snow before
  - C** knows that matter changes
  - D** has built a snowman before
- 2** The main problem in the story is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A** it is snowing in Florida
  - B** Paige cannot find materials for her snowman
  - C** Paige is unaware of how matter can change
  - D** Paige gets hurt in the snow
- 3** The word **relished** means \_\_\_\_\_.
- A** pickled
  - B** enjoyed
  - C** a radish to eat
  - D** agreed



# Reading Science

- 4 In the passage, mom states, "He's just changed from ice to water." What does this describe scientifically?
- A Ice melts to make water.
  - B Ice can be converted into a gas.
  - C Water can be broken up into hydrogen and oxygen.
  - D Matter is the sum of its parts put together.
- 5 The author uses the word **decadence**. You can probably infer that the author \_\_\_\_\_.
- A enjoys the falling snow
  - B does not like winter
  - C lives in Florida
  - D has never built a snowman