

Books in the Home Program



Snow? Let's Go

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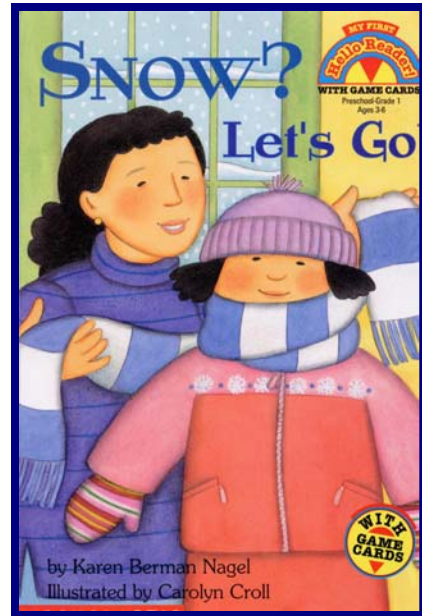
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What You Will Need for This Session

- A copy of *Snow? Let's Go* for each family in the program
- A copy of *On the Right Track* for each family in the program
- A journal for parents
- Prizes for the *Family Literacy Bingo*
- Copies of the Blank *Family Literacy Bingo* sheet handout
- Copies of the *Tips for Parents* handout
- Copies of the *Activities to Do at Home with Your Children* handout
- Copies of the *Literacy Action Plan* handout
- Craft materials—crayons, glue, scissors, paper, etc.
- *Snow? Let's Go* activities in this kit
 - ★ 2 word searches
 - ★ Crossword
 - ★ Dot to dot activity
 - ★ 2 colouring pages
 - ★ Picture and story activity
 - ★ Snow person flashcards
 - ★ Matching game
 - ★ Write a story about winter
 - ★ Write a poem about snowmen
 - ★ Craft – Snowperson magnet or pin
 - ★ Craft – Sparkles the snowperson
 - ★ Craft – Humpty Dumpty puppet
 - ★ 2 poems related to snow



Snack of the Week

Crackers & Cheese & Apple Slices

Buy different kinds of cheese. You can buy neat ones such as little squares or small Goudas. Serve them with a variety of crackers. Cut a few apples into slices and serve those too.



Session Overview

Introductions

- **Warm Up Activity**—Do a warm up activity with participants. There is a *Family Literacy Bingo* included in this kit (see pp 6 & 7).
- **Expectations**—Ask parents what their expectations of the evening are. Flipchart the responses and then try to meet those expectations.
- **Group Agreements**— Review the Group Agreements.

Group Brainstorm & Discussion

- Review what happened during the week
 - What kinds of literacy activities did you do at home last week?
 - Did you follow your action plan?
 - How did it go?
- Hand out *On the Right Track* – read booklet together as a group and discuss with the group.
- Brainstorm a list of literacy activities that you can do at home with your children. (Give out handout and discuss.)

***Snow? Let's Go* by Karen Berman Nagel**

- Introduce the book.
- Read the book together as a group.

Tip of the Week

Photocopy all the activities for each family to take home.

Put all the activities in a folder or duotang. Go through the package with families to make sure they know what is in it. Explain each activity so parents will know what to do with their children.



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- Discuss the book as a group.
- Brainstorm activities related to this book that parents can do at home with their children.
- Make an activity related to the story that families can use at home.
- Give out handouts related to the book and review the activities together. Make sure you go over each activity and show parents how to do them.

Adult Writing

- Have parents review the weekly Literacy Action Plan for next week.
- Have parents write down one thing in their journals that they learned this evening and then share it with the group, if they want to.

Wrap Up

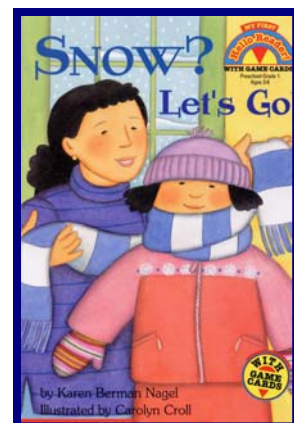
- Ask the participants for feedback on the session: “What did you like about the session? What did you not like?”

Story Time

- Have children come back from their reading circle to spend time reading with their parents.
- Gather everyone together and read one more story or teach the poems to everyone.

Nutritional Snack

- Take a break for a nutritional snack and drinks.



Family Literacy Bingo

1. Give each participant a Blank Bingo Card (see next page), or ask them to make their own.
2. Choose a theme, for example, kitchen, garden, etc. Ask participants to call out 16 words related to that theme, one word at a time.
3. Write each word on the board or a flipchart. At the same time, ask each participant to write the word in any of the boxes.
4. Call out the words at random. The first participant to get a straight line in any direction and call out “Bingo!” is the winner. You can play the game several times.
5. You can play this game using French or an Aboriginal language. You can use other topics like animals, the land, camping, community, literacy, etc. You can call the game another name, if that is more appropriate for your community.



Let's play!





Family Literacy Bingo



Activities to Do at Home with Your Child

- ★ Try to read to your children several times during the day, not just at bedtime
- ★ Talk to your children about their day
- ★ Go for a walk when it is snowing and talk about what you see. Try to catch snowflakes.



- ★ Make up a matching game together
- ★ Go outside and make a snowman together. Give him eyes, a nose, a mouth and some arms. Dress him in a hat and a scarf.



- ★ Give the snowman a name and make up a story about him.
- ★ Take some photos outside in the snow. Make up a story about your activities.
- ★ Go sliding on a hill near where you live



These are all great family literacy activities that you can do with your children!



Literacy Action Plan: *Snow? Let's Go*

Monday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ complete the crossword puzzle
- ___ colour a picture together

Tuesday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ play the memory game together
- ___ do a craft together



Wednesday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ colour the snow picture and write a story together
- ___ read the poems together and made up actions

Thursday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ make up flashcards
- ___ do the dot-to-dot activity

Friday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ complete the word search together
- ___ play in the snow together



Saturday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ bake something special today
- ___ make a shopping list together

Sunday

- ___ read together for 15 minutes
- ___ go for a walk on the land
- ___ tell stories to your child



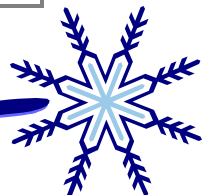
Winter Word Search 1

Look across, down and diagonally to find the words.
Circle them when you find them, then cross them off
the list.



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d k s e d f m i t t e n s c d
i x t u c d r b a w d l z u u
o e s p n e h o l i d a y s u
u r i f p g m t s n o w m a n
p c o l d p x b z t a h k u b
e b a q u m o g e e b o l y v
h c q u j o n e q r i i s s f
e e y k t c k x z v h p t q x
k q x s y y j l f s o e u e i
f o n y g e m p l m k n a y q
y o c n t y n e n c m i m a m
w u h a s m d b a u c w i u z
c y g d b s z j d j u l q n o
j n y a e b l q p a d e c h g

boots	frostbite	jackets	sled
cold	hat	mittens	snow
december	holidays	scarf	snowman
fireplace	ice	skiing	winter



Winter Word Search 2

Look across, down and diagonally to find the words. Circle them when you find them, then cross them off the list.



w	s	n	o	w	f	l	a	k	e	o	h	i	n	k
w	n	s	i	j	m	o	y	j	l	s	y	x	b	t
i	a	w	j	f	g	e	o	o	s	a	r	m	o	s
b	g	o	d	p	k	y	p	t	x	z	e	i	o	o
d	g	l	a	c	i	e	r	q	p	p	p	t	t	r
v	o	p	o	l	a	r	b	e	a	r	p	t	s	f
c	b	h	z	o	d	f	l	u	r	r	i	e	s	r
t	o	l	t	g	r	e	b	e	c	i	l	p	e	a
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s	c	o	w	c	g	e	i	m	e	w	z	n	s	m
l	a	o	m	h	q	b	s	n	o	w	b	a	l	l
e	j	x	a	a	a	b	g	n	i	z	e	e	r	f
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|------------|----------------|------------|--------|----------|
| arctic | freezing frost | icicles | shovel | slippery |
| blizzard | glacier | igloo | skates | slush |
| boots | hat | jacket | skidoo | snowball |
| coat | hockey | mittens | skis | snowman |
| cold | ice | penguin | sled | snowy |
| flurries | iceberg | polar bear | sleet | toboggan |
| footprints | | scarf | | winter |



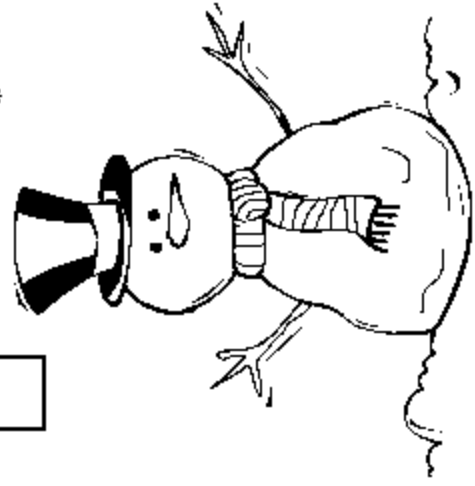
Winter Crossword

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Winter Crossword

- ICE
- HOCKEY
- HAT
- ICEBERG
- COAT
- ICICLES
- FROST
- SNOWMAN
- SHOVEL
- SNOWBALL

Find the spot where each word fits. Use each word only once.

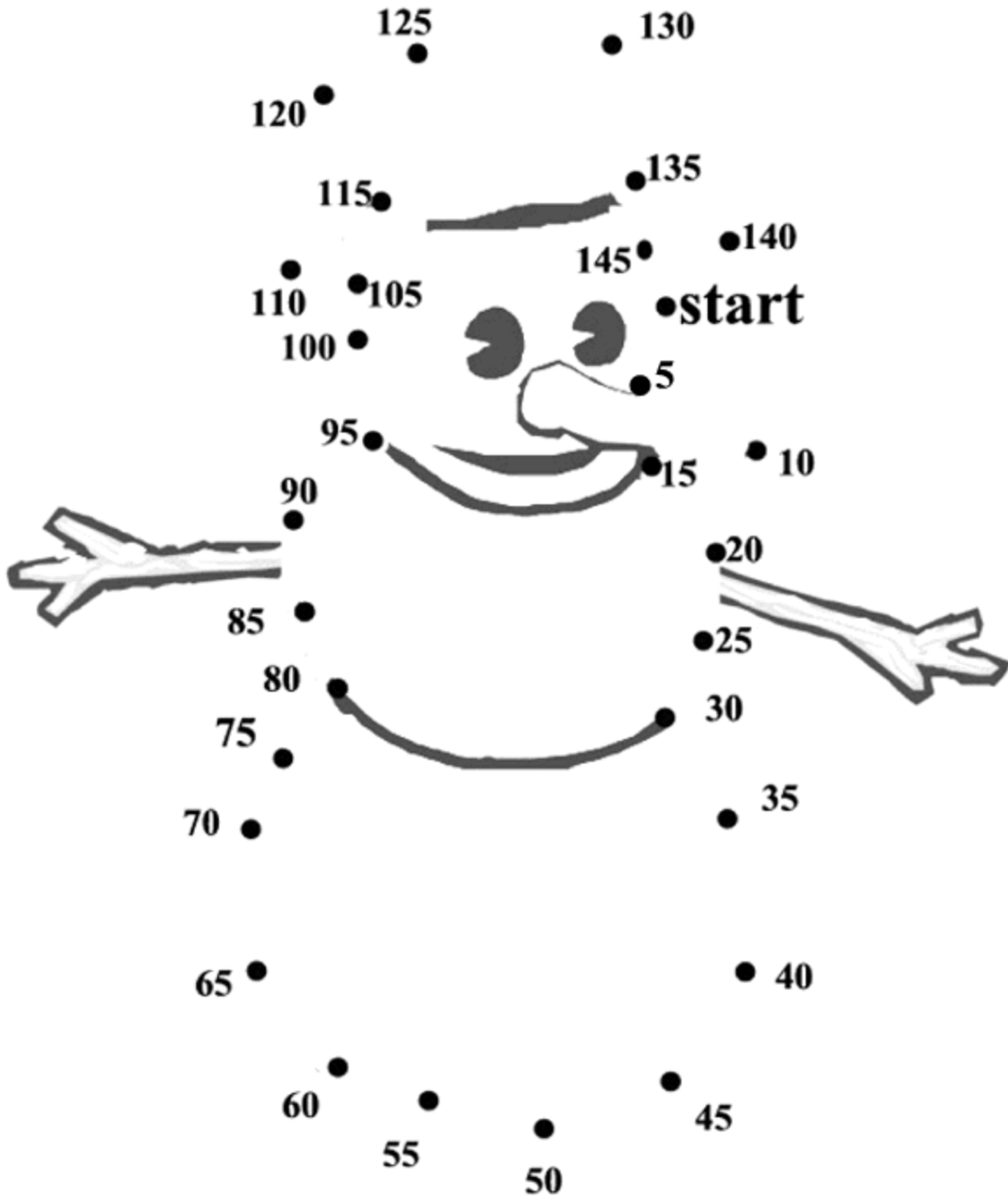


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Dot to Dot

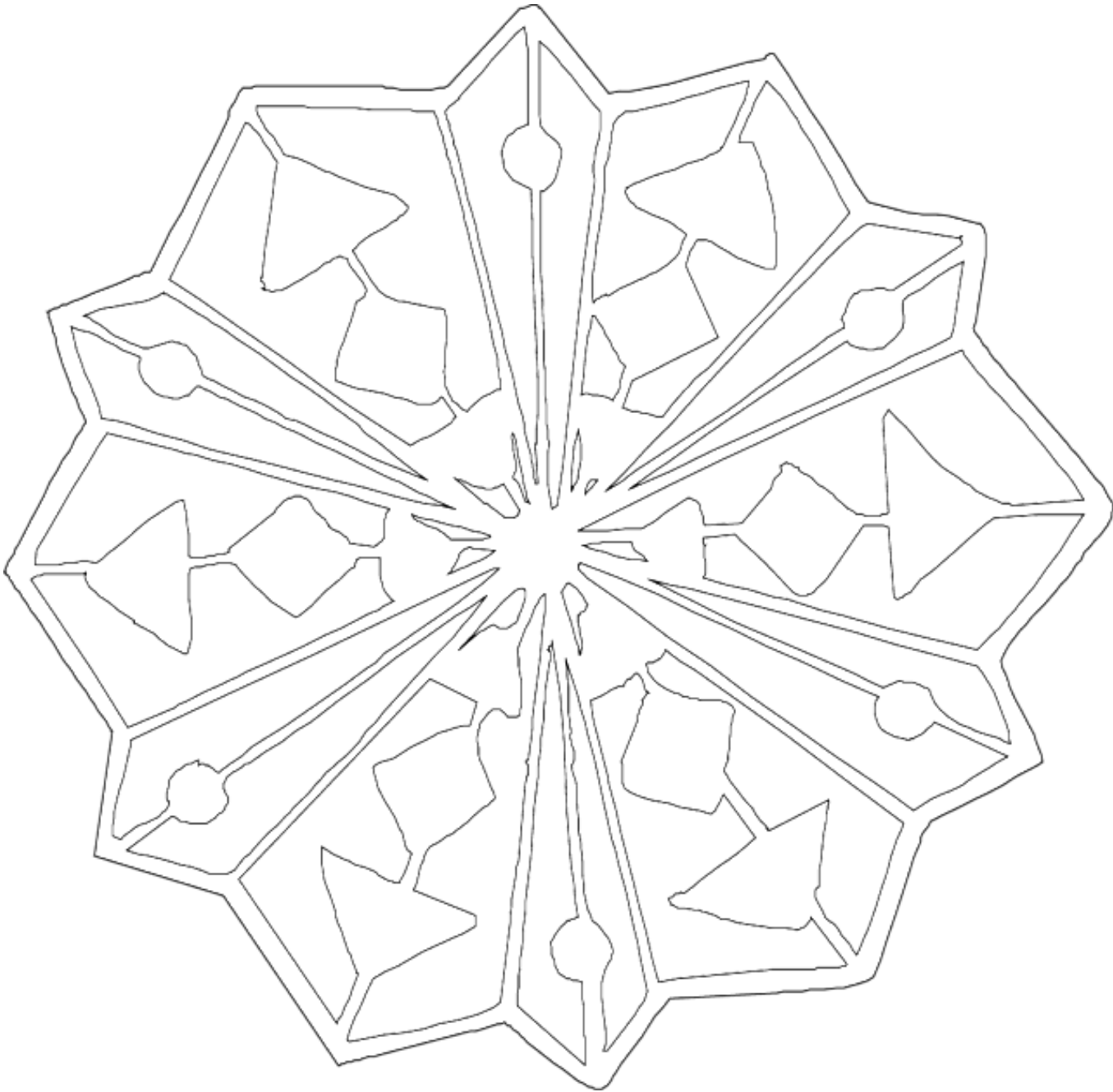
Join the dots. The numbers go in fives—for example, five, ten, etc.



Colour the Snowman and His Friends



Colour the Snowflake



Winter Writing

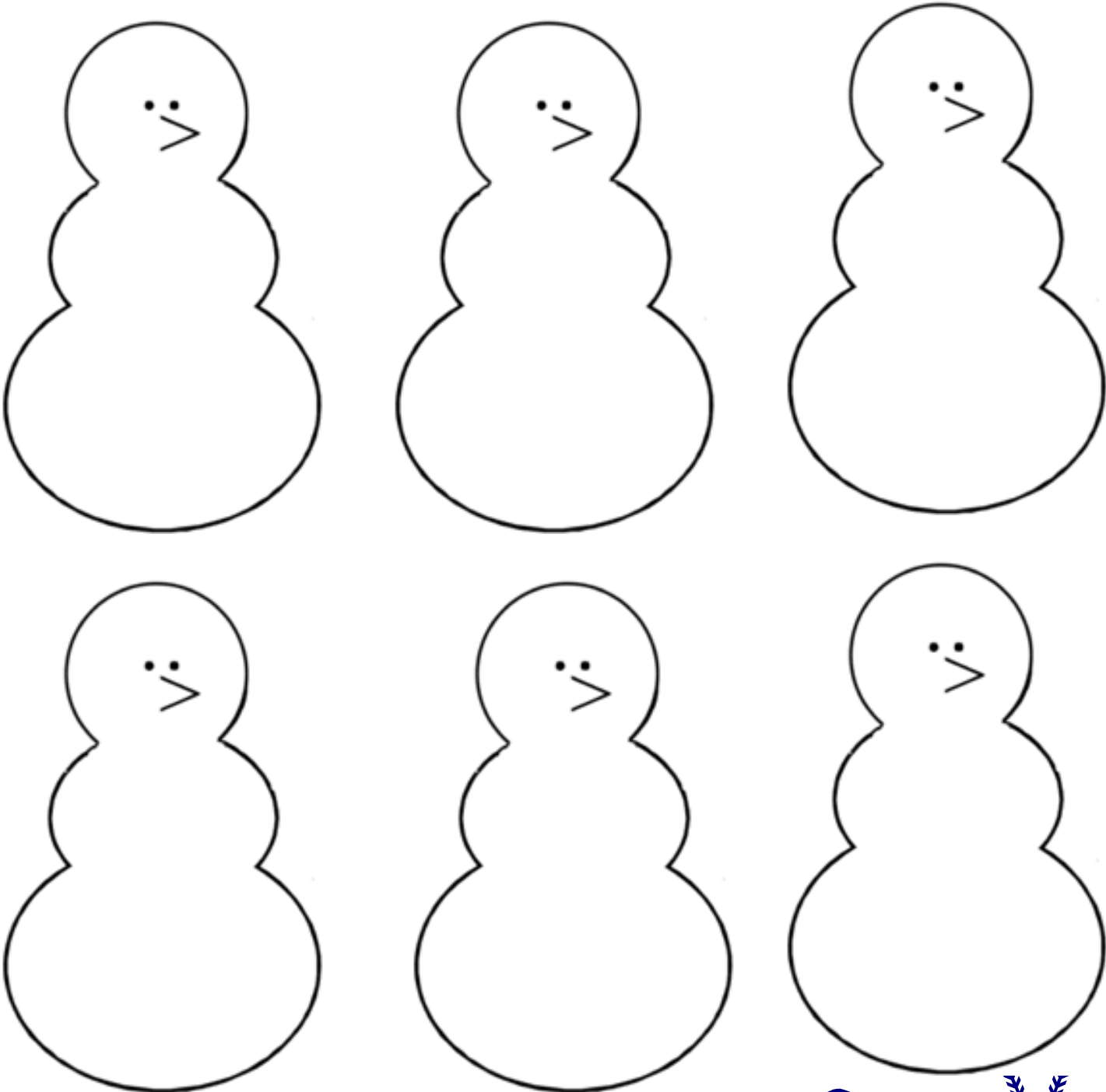
Colour the picture and then write a descriptive paragraph about it.





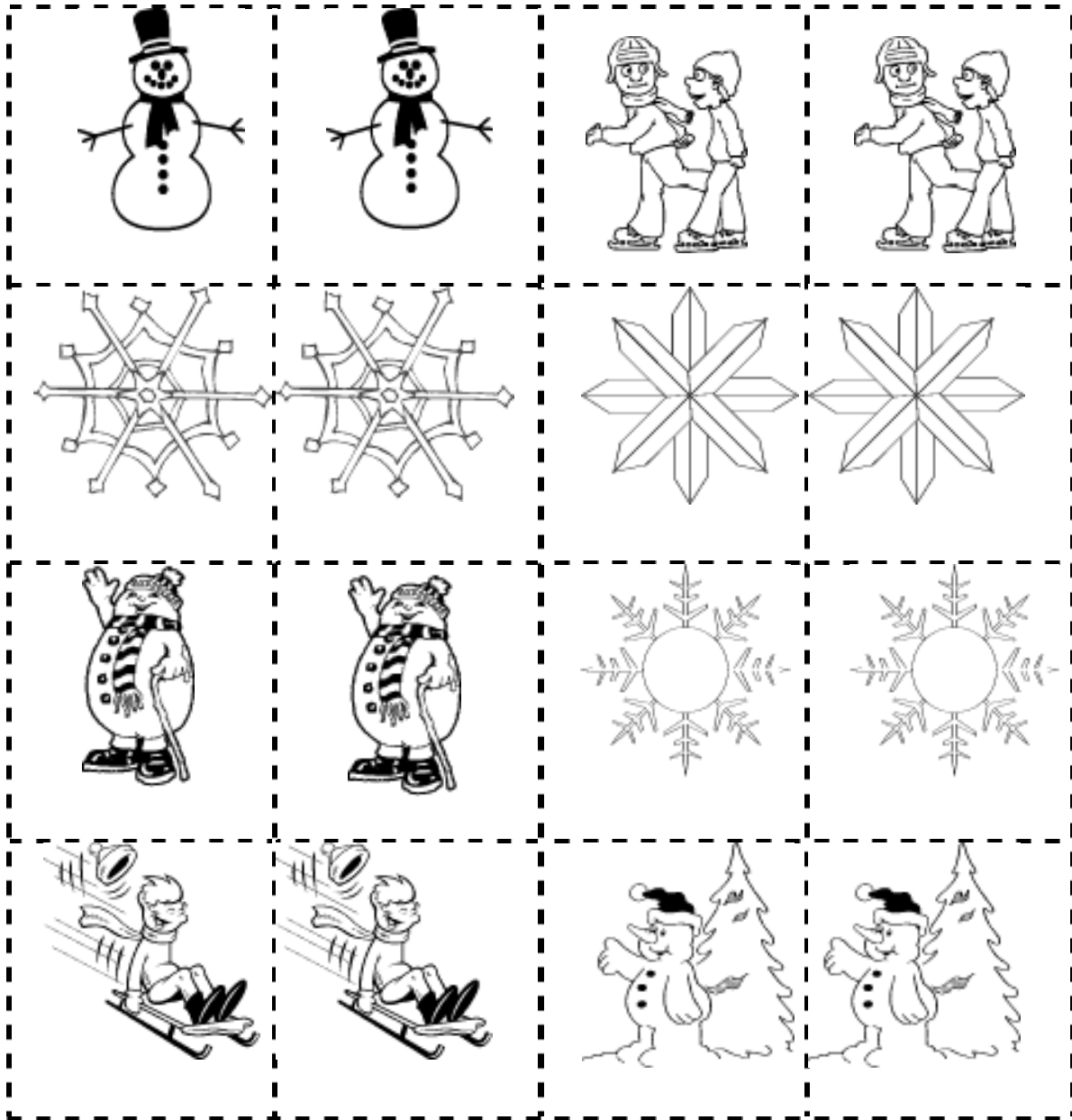
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Use the following shapes to make number or letter flashcards or colour cards.

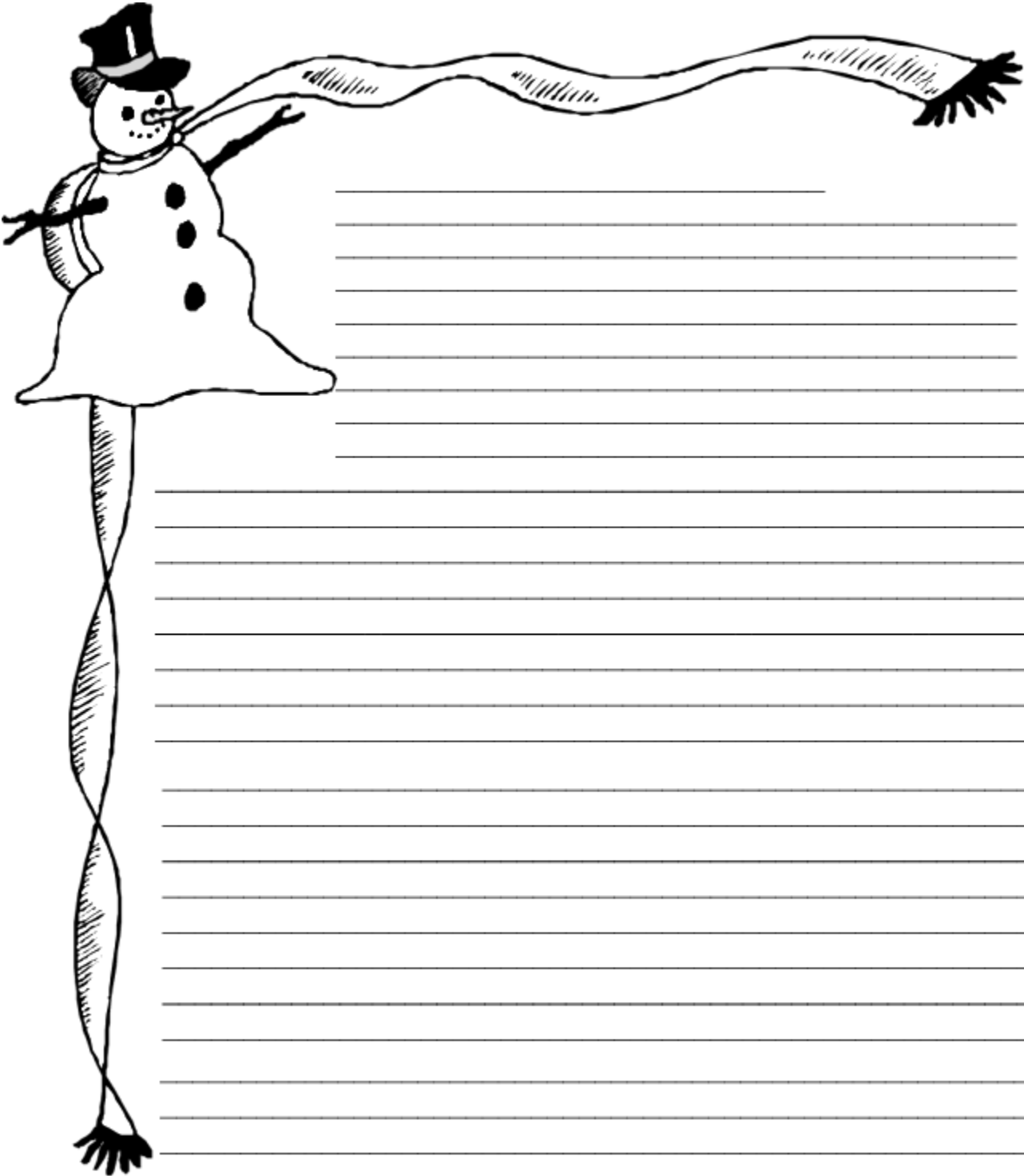


Winter Memory Game

Cut out each square and paste it on colored paper or strong card.
Turn the cards over and pick two. If they match, keep them face up.
If they don't, turn them over and try again.



Write a Story about Winter



Snowman Poem

Write a poem about a snowman using the first letter of the word “Snowman” to begin the first line. The second letter “N” should begin the second line, etc.



S _____

N _____

O _____

W _____

M _____

A _____

N _____



Snowperson Magnet or Pin

You will need:

- ★ 3 white pom-poms
- ★ 2 wiggle eyes
- ★ 1 red sock or some red felt
- ★ Black felt
- ★ A thin marker to trace the shape on the felt
- ★ Tacky glue or hot glue
- ★ Tip of an orange crayon, or a piece of Fimo clay, felt, or construction paper
- ★ A popsicle stick or piece of cardboard
- ★ A magnet strip with adhesive, or a jewelry pin

Here is what you do:

1. Take the 3 pom-poms and glue them to the popsicle stick. (See photo.)
2. Take the red sock and cut it into strips for the scarf.
3. Tie the "scarf" around the snowman's neck.
4. Glue on wiggle eyes.
5. Cut buttons out of scraps of black felt and glue on to the snowman.
6. Depending on the type of nose you want for your snowman, glue on a tip of a crayon, shape



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- a piece of Fimo clay into a carrot shape, or cut some orange felt or construction paper. Glue it on to the snowman's face.
7. Cut a rectangle 3" x 4" long out of black felt.
 8. Glue the short ends together to make the hat.
 9. Trace around the top of the hat to make a circle to fit. Cut out and glue on one end of the hat.
 10. Trace around the bottom of the hat, making the circle slightly larger to make the brim. Cut out.
 11. Stuff the hat lightly with felt scraps to help it keep the shape.
 12. Glue the brim to the bottom of the hat.
 13. Glue the hat onto the snowman's head and anchor onto the popsicle stick.
 14. Glue a magnet strip to the back of the popsicle stick.
 15. When everything is dry, put the magnet on your refrigerator and enjoy!

If you want to make a pin, sew or glue the jewelry pin onto the back of the snowman.



Sparkles the Snowperson

Sparkles is a very easy snowperson to create.

You will need:

- ★ 2" styrofoam ball
- ★ 2 1/2" styrofoam ball
- ★ 3" styrofoam ball (Note: or use 3 balls each slightly larger than the others)
- ★ 4 toothpicks
- ★ Mini black pom poms
- ★ Orange chenille stem (pipecleaner)
- ★ Wire cutters
- ★ Tacky glue
- ★ A piece of ribbon or felt
- ★ A butter knife



Here is what you do:

1. Take a butter knife and even off the bottom of the largest styrofoam ball. This will allow the snowman to stand up.
2. Push a toothpick halfway into the top of the largest styrofoam ball. (Make sure the flat bottom is on the table).
3. Push the medium-sized styrofoam ball onto the toothpick.
4. Push a toothpick a little more than halfway into the top of the medium-sized styrofoam ball. (Note: You don't want the toothpick sticking out the top of the head!)



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5. Push the smallest styrofoam ball on top of the toothpick. This is the head.
6. Cut a short piece of orange chenille stem or pipe cleaner off for the nose. (Parents please do this step.)
7. Push the nose into the middle of the (front) of the smallest styrofoam ball.
8. Glue on pom pom eyes, mouth, and buttons.
9. Cut a strip of felt or ribbon for the scarf. Glue where the scarf crosses, both to the styrofoam ball and to the other piece of scarf.
10. Stick 2 toothpicks in the middle-sized Styrofoam ball for the arms. (See photo.)
11. How fun with your own non-melting snowman!



Humpty Dumpty Finger Puppets

Use your fingers to make the legs of the Humpty Dumpty puppet.

You will need:

- ★ Stiff paper, like thick construction paper or card, such as from cereal boxes
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Markers or crayons
- ★ Optional - printer, googly eyes, glue, cotton balls

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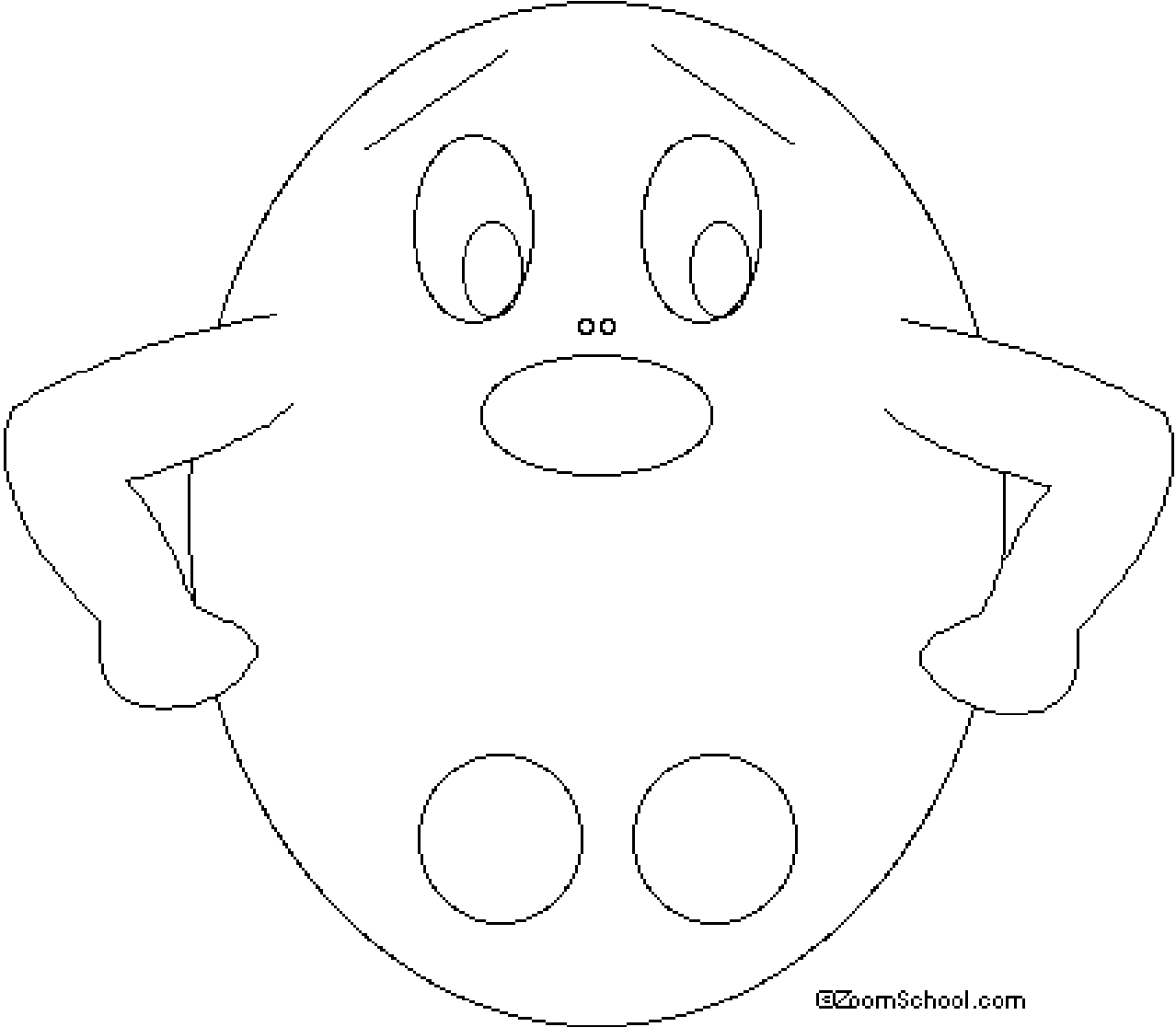
1. Using stiff paper, either print out a puppet pattern or draw your own.
2. Cut out the finger puppet and the finger hole(s).
3. Decorate the puppet with crayons or markers.
4. Optional: glue on googly eyes and cotton-balls or yarn hair.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty fell in the snow,
The temperature was forty below,
And all of the nurses
And all of his friends
Couldn't get Humpty to warm up again.



Humpty Dumpty Finger Puppet Pattern



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It's Snowing Poem

It's snowing, it's blowing,
The old man is groaning,
There is no heat
On the outhouse seat
And he has to go there in the morning





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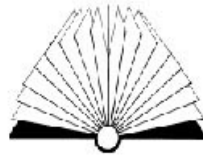
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