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# JANUARY

## Reading Journal



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# Time to Read

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Illustrate the story.

## A New Year

New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup> every year. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, many people celebrate the arrival of the new year at midnight. December 31<sup>st</sup> is called New Year's Eve. A lot of people attend parties and dinners on this day. One of the most popular New Year traditions is watching the ball drop. At home, if you were awake, you may have watched the ball drop on TV and counted down to the new year with your family. It is an exciting time!

1. When is New Year's Day celebrated?

2. What do many people do on New Year's Eve?

3. When is New Year's Eve?

4. How did you celebrate the arrival of the new year?

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## Ryan's Resolution

A new year marks a new start. Many people like to make a New Year's resolution. A resolution is a promise that you make to yourself to do something good or stop doing something bad. Ryan's resolution is to study more in school. Ryan picked this as his resolution because he was not the best student last year. This year he hopes to read more, pay attention in class and study more. He is excited for the new year!

1. What is a New Year's resolution?

2. What is Ryan's resolution?

3. Why did he pick that as his resolution?

4. Did you make a New Year's resolution? Write about it.

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## Ice Skating

Tina is having her birthday party at the ice skating rink. She will be turning seven years old. Tina has been ice skating since she was four years old. Her dad taught her how to ice skate. She has invited all of her friends from school to her party. They will eat pizza, cake and ice skate to celebrate Tina's birthday. She can't wait to ice skate with her friends and show them the tricks that she can do!

1. Where is Tina having her birthday party?

2. Who taught Tina to ice skate?

3. Who did she invite to her party?

4. What will she do?

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## Winter Book Fair

Today Suzy's school is having their annual winter book fair. Suzy is so excited because she loves to read! Her favorite books to read are ones about penguins. She knows that there will be a lot of books about penguins at the fair. Her mom told her that she was allowed to buy three books. When it is time for the book fair, Suzy runs straight for the "Winter Animals" area. She can't wait to pick out her books!

1. Why is Suzy excited?

2. What are Suzy's favorite types of books?

3. How many books is Suzy allowed to buy?

4. What are your favorite types of books to read?

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## Snow Fun

Tony woke up early and went to look out his window. "It snowed!" he yelled as he ran down the steps. "There is no school today, Tony," said mom. "You can go out to play before breakfast is ready." Tony put on his coat, hat and boots and he went outside. He grabbed his sled and ran to the top of the hill in his yard. As he was ready to hop on his sled, he heard a voice. "Can I sled with you?" said Ryan. Ryan is Tony's neighbor. "Of course," said Tony. The boys had a lot of fun!

1. Why didn't Tony have to go to school?

2. What did Tony do before going outside?

3. What will Tony do outside?

4. Who is Ryan?

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## A Winter Walk

Fred and his dad are taking a walk today. It is very cold outside so they will need to dress warm. Fred puts on his coat, gloves, hat, scarf and boots. His dad does the same. When they open the door, the cold wind hits their faces. "Once we get moving we will start to warm up," said dad. Fred and his dad begin to walk around the neighborhood. They stop by the grocery store to pick up a few things before they head back home. When they get home, they will warm up with a hot cup of cocoa.

1. What are Fred and his dad doing?

2. How are they dressed in the story?

3. Where do they stop before going home?

4. What will they do when they get home?

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## Polar Bear Report

Everyone in Nina's class must do a report on their favorite Arctic animals. Nina is doing her report on polar bears. Polar bears are Nina's favorite Arctic animals because she thinks that they are cute. Nina has read a lot of books about polar bears so that she can write about how they look, what they eat and where they live in her report. When she is finished, she will get to read her report to her class. She is so excited to teach everyone about polar bears!

1. What type of report is Nina's class doing?

2. What is Nina doing her report on?

3. Why does Nina like polar bears?

4. What is your favorite Arctic animal? Tell why.



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## After School Snack

Ben ran off of the school bus and into his house. He gave his mom a quick hug and took off his book bag. Then Ben headed right for the kitchen. He took out the peanut butter, jam and two pieces of bread. He quickly spread the peanut butter on one piece and the jam on the other. In no time, Ben had a yummy snack! "This tastes great!" said Ben. "Mom, would you like me to make one for you?"

1. What did Ben do after getting off of the bus?

2. Where did Ben go when he got inside the house?

3. What does Ben use to make his snack?

4. What is your favorite after school snack?

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## Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American hero. He wanted everyone to have an equal opportunity, regardless of their skin color. He tried to show everyone that the color of your skin is not what is important. He led protests and gave many speeches. His most famous speech is known as "I Have a Dream." Martin Luther King Jr. made America a better place to live. We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday every year in January.

1. Who was Martin Luther King Jr.?

2. What did Martin Luther King Jr. want for America?

3. What is his most famous speech?

4. When do we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day?

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## Hibernating Animals

In the wintertime, it can get very cold in many places. Many animals in these places have trouble finding food. Some animals move to warmer places to find food. Other animals hibernate or go into a deep sleep during winter months. Hibernating animals sleep for many days or weeks at a time. When hibernating, animals breathe much slower than normal. Their heart beat slows, and they do not need to eat. These animals also need to find a safe place to sleep, away from predators. A few animals that hibernate in the wintertime are bears, squirrels and bats. When spring arrives, all of the hibernating animals wake up.

1. What does it mean to hibernate?

2. What happens when an animal hibernates?

3. Name three animals that hibernate.

4. Would you like to hibernate all winter? Tell why or why not.

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## Art Class

One of the things that I like best about my school is art class. Art is my favorite subject. I have a great art teacher named Mrs. Lint. She taught me how to draw and paint. She is a very good artist. I like being in her class because she plays music for us while we draw. This week we are working on our winter paintings for the art contest. The grand prize is a free homework pass. I hope that I win the contest! Mrs. Lint's class is so much fun!

1. What do I like best about my school?

2. Who is my art teacher?

3. What did she teach me?

4. What do you like best about your school?

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## Birds

Mark is very interested in birds. He wants to learn more about the types of birds in the world. Mark starts by going to the library and finding a few books about birds. He takes the books home and reads them. Sometimes he even writes notes so that he can remember what he read. His favorite bird to read about so far has been the robin. One day he hopes that he can go bird watching in the woods.

1. What does Mark want to learn about?

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2. What does Mark do first?

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3. What is Mark's favorite type of bird?

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4. What is your favorite animal to read about?

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## Winter Break

Lisa had a fun winter break! She went on a ski trip with her family. They stayed for three days in a cabin in the mountains. There was a lot of snow all around! Lisa was scared because it would be her first time skiing. On the first day of the trip, Lisa's dad took her out to teach her to ski. They started on a small hill and Lisa wasn't that scared anymore. By the end of the trip, Lisa was skiing down one of the biggest hills on the mountain!

1. Where did Lisa go on her winter break?

2. Where did Lisa's family stay?

3. Why was Lisa scared?

4. Who taught Lisa how to ski?

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## Homework First

Dan and Mary couldn't wait to get home from school. They knew it had snowed all day and they wanted to make a snowman. When they got off of the school bus, they ran inside and dropped their book bags on the kitchen table. "Not so fast!" said mom. "You two need to get your homework done before you can go play outside." Dan and Mary walked slowly back into the kitchen with sad faces. "If we work hard we can get done quickly," said Mary. They both sat down and opened their books.

1. What did Dan and Mary want to do?

2. Where did they put their book bags?

3. Why didn't Dan and Mary go outside when they got home?

4. Why do you think it is important to do your homework before you play?

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## A Trip to the Zoo

Today my class took a trip to the zoo. It was a lot of fun. My favorite animals to look at were the penguins. There were so many of them! We learned about the two different types of penguins at the zoo - the Emperor penguin and the King penguin. We also learned that penguins eat mostly fish and squid. Before we left, we got to watch them waddle around and swim in the water. I hope that I can go back one day and see the penguins again!

1. Where did my class go?

2. What was my favorite animal?

3. Name the two penguins at the zoo.

4. What did we learn about penguins?



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## Snowflakes

Pete loves snow. He has been waiting for it to snow since the first day of winter. In school, Pete learned how snow forms. When the temperature gets very cold in the clouds, the water vapor in the air freezes. Snowflakes are made up of ice that form around dust particles in the sky. As the ice crystal falls to the ground, more water freezes onto it building new crystals. That is how the shape of the snowflake forms. All snowflakes look different. There are no two snowflakes that look the same.

1. What does Pete love?

2. What did Pete learn in school?

3. What happens when the temperature in the clouds gets cold?

4. What are snowflakes made of?

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## Mittens

I have a cat named Mittens. Mittens loves to play. She is only two years old. When I get home from school, I feed Mittens and give her fresh water. After I finish my homework and eat dinner, I always play with Mittens. I throw her toy mouse and she chases it all around the house! I love watching Mittens play. When she gets tired, she hops in her little bed and goes to sleep. She is a great pet!

1. What is my cat's name?

2. What does my cat like to do?

3. How old is my cat?

4. What do I do after school?

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## A Sick Day

Sam isn't feeling very well today. He has a fever and a sore throat. He is staying home from school to visit Doctor Joe. Sam's mom drives him to the doctor's office. They hope that Doctor Joe can make him feel better. When they got inside, they went back into a room to wait for Doctor Joe. Doctor Joe checked Sam's throat and body. He gave Sam medicine to take at home. The next day, Sam felt a lot better! He even went back to school.

1. Why is Sam staying home from school?

2. Who is Sam going to visit?

3. Who is he going with?

4. What does the doctor give Sam?

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## Football Game

Beth is getting ready to go to a football game with her dad. She loves football. She is going to see the Bears play the Cats. It will be very cold outside so Beth makes sure to dress warm. When they get to the football stadium, they each get a cup of hot chocolate and nachos to take to their seats. When they find their seats, Beth is so excited! They are sitting in the front row. Beth and her dad cheered the entire game. They had a great time!

1. Where is Beth going?

2. Who is she going with?

3. What teams are playing?

4. Why is Beth excited?

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## Arctic Hare

The Arctic hare is usually found near the Arctic Circle. The Arctic hare has thick, white fur which keeps it warm in cold temperatures. They eat mostly buds and berries. The Arctic hare has long claws which helps them when digging through icy and snowy conditions. Arctic hares can move very quickly which is helpful because of their small size. Being small makes them an easy target for larger animals to prey on.

1. Where can you find an Arctic hare?

2. Why do Arctic hares have thick fur?

3. What do Arctic hares eat?

4. What do Arctic hares use their claws for?