



Winter Animals POEM

Words

Actions

It is winter in Saskatchewan and wouldn't you know.
All the creatures are stirring and preparing for snow.

Wiggle fingertips down like
fluttering snowflakes

Some change colour to avoid being seen,
And some burrow in dens, as snow can be mean.
Some of them stay, and some of them go.
They all have a way to survive in the snow.

Dig
Wave good bye

The bears get warm in their nice cozy den,
They'll stay sleeping 'til spring, and we'll see them then.

Hug yourself
Close eyes and sleep

The warblers are stretching, getting ready to fly.
Preparing themselves to take to the sky.

Stretch out arms
Flap arms

The porcupines are funny, they take to the trees,
Some bark to eat is everything that they need.

Pretend to climb up
Munch bark with front teeth

The rabbits keep a-bouncing, and find twigs to munch,
Their coats become white, so they don't become lunch.

Ball up hands and bring close to chin
Freeze in place and duck down close to desk

The chickadees are brave and stay here when its chilly,
They fluff up their feathers, though it makes them look silly.

Tuck hands near armpits
Puff out chest and flap elbows as wings

The Moose, they wander and walk through the snow,
They have to stay, they do not go.

Stick thumbs to temples and splay fingers like
antlers; slowly sway left and right, as if walking
through snow

Now my friends, let's review what the animals do.
Let's do all the actions, all the way through.

The Bears are nestled in their dens hibernating,
The Warblers are gone, they've begun migrating.

Hug yourself; close eyes and sleep
Stretch our arms and flap

The Porcupines climb and strip bark from the trees.
The Rabbits hide below and try not to freeze!

Pretend to climb up; munch bark with front teeth
Freeze in place and duck down close to desk

The Chickadees stay and build a tree castle
The Moose stay and play, for the snow is no hassle.

Puff out chest and flap elbows as wings
Bring up hands as antlers and slowly sway
left to right

Goodbye to you all, for its time for us to go,
Hopefully you learned how to survive in the snow.

Wave goodbye



What Do They Do In Winter?

How do animals live through the whole winter?
Well, it depends upon the animal.

- Some animals stay awake, but change how they look or act; it's important for these animals to stay warm—or *insulate*.
- Some animals go into a deep sleep—or *hibernate*.
- Other animals move somewhere else to avoid the worst of winter—or *migrate*.

Draw a line from the animal to how they live in winter.

Animal

Adaptations



Canada goose

Caribou

Deer

Downy woodpecker

Ground squirrel



Monarch

Mole

Lynx

Nuthatch

Ptarmigan

Red squirrel

Short tailed weasel

Shrew

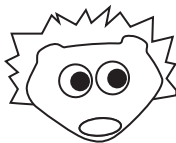
Snake

Snowshoe hare

Snowy owl



Wolf

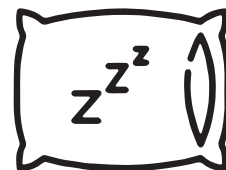


Vole

Woodfrog



Insulate/stay active



Hibernate/deep sleep



Migrate/leave



Winter in Saskatchewan WORDS



Winter in Saskatchewan can be cold and snowy, but our animals live through it. Can you find some winter words hidden in the letters below?

Z	J	Q	N	T	V	M	R	P	M
S	C	A	R	F	A	W	E	I	E
N	E	Z	O	R	F	H	T	I	C
O	W	O	M	S	A	T	N	B	I
E	U	H	T	C	E	Y	I	M	C
E	L	O	I	N	Y	E	W	O	L
O	O	C	S	T	H	I	L	C	Y
B	M	K	I	J	E	D	V	O	B
W	O	N	S	C	N	U	N	A	J
O	U	E	P	K	I	Y	W	T	D

Word List

BOOTS
HAT
SCARF

COAT
ICE
SNOW

COLD
ICICLE
WHITE

FROZEN
MITTENS
WINTER



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Can you find these important words along with some winter words, hidden in the in the letters below?

E N J V L S S G D S Q M C U I
I T W H W N Z N Y I K A W D H
D G R H E V F F E P M H E S D
H O I T C O A T R O U H T I L
O T T H F W S E U A W W A C O
E I U A Q H I F T O C Y R I C
M M Y T K T L N N A U S G C G
Y V T A Z A Z S T W L I I L N
G T S I G F R O Z E N U M E G
K Y G E S T O O B V R E S N H
T L U N Z Y X S T T I H I N T
W C V U E T A N R E B I H C I
G Q G S Z E V T Z B N R M E E
Y K F I N T J M N L I R Z J A
L H B J L J O V N B H O O M O

Word List

BOOTS

HIBERNATE

MITTENS

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F	E	L	O	T	H	F	C	E	Q	D	I	Y	B	J	M	S	A	F	L	K	H	Z	E	B
V	O	D	D	O	M	K	L	B	C	T	W	T	Z	O	E	M	H	S	O	T	L	R	G	N
V	M	N	S	G	O	B	R	E	S	N	A	K	E	W	O	U	T	R	M	B	R	B	A	J
E	X	G	Y	Q	R	S	V	A	S	P	W	G	P	U	Q	W	D	M	E	I	N	G	C	B
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T	U	I	W	Q	I	I	A	J	C	Y	E	L	A	Y	W	P	O	Q	A	M	X	L	N	Z
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B	C	T	E	A	D	G	P	P	I	N	G	R	N	B	O	V	A	B	D	A	C	E	O	K
O	H	H	U	H	N	L	X	L	T	V	G	T	D	H	W	E	O	T	X	F	K	N	S	C
S	N	O	W	S	H	O	E	H	A	R	E	S	I	N	S	U	L	A	T	E	R	I	E	E
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T	I	B	B	A	R	K	C	A	J	D	E	L	I	A	T	E	T	I	H	W	O	S	G	D
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Z	B	V	H	Q	N	O	Z	Y	U	K	K	Q	S	L	A	N	G	Y	F	Z	H	I	C	Y
C	G	V	S	A	O	D	M	B	N	B	C	J	V	O	J	N	O	R	L	G	A	W	N	N
Z	L	A	D	E	C	R	O	E	T	B	I	P	U	B	C	W	O	B	V	O	T	W	H	W
V	V	K	R	V	V	U	S	N	K	E	H	G	T	E	L	Q	X	M	C	O	C	P	T	O
Q	E	E	E	J	I	C	H	G	Y	P	C	H	F	N	V	B	T	O	C	H	H	E	D	D

Word List

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|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| BEAR | CAMOUFLAGE | CANADA GOOSE | CARIBOU | CHICKADEE | DEER |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER | GROUND SQUIRREL | HIBERNATE | INSULATE | LYNX | MIGRATE |
| MOLE | MONARCH | NUTHATCH | PORCUPINE | PTARMIGAN | RED SQUIRREL |
| SHORT TAILED WEASEL | SHREW | SNAKE | SNOWSHOE HARE | SNOWY OWL | VOLE |
| WARBLER | WHITE TAILED JACK RABBIT | WOLF | WOODFROG | | |



Animal Adaptations

Select an animal from the list, or choose another Saskatchewan animal.

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Bear | Canada goose | Caribou | Chickadee | Deer |
| Ground squirrel | Lynx | Mole | Monarch | Moose |
| Ptarmigan | Red squirrel | Short tailed weasel | Snake | |
| Snowshoe hare | Snowy owl | Porcupine | Wolf | Woodfrog |

1. List the adaptations of your animal in their environment (shape, size, colour, actions)

2. Think about these adaptations that help this animal survive in its environment. How does each adaptation relate to where and how the animal lives? Are any specific to winter?

3. What problems might the animal face without these adaptations?

4. Do you think these adaptations would enable this animal to survive in a habitat with opposite conditions? Why or why not?

5. What does that tell us about the relationship between environments and adaptations?

6. Draw your animal in its winter environment on the back of this worksheet.