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Winter Break Pack: 3rd grade

14 days · about 15 minutes a day · check off each day when it's done

Do one box a day, in order or in any order you like. Most days use a page in this pack; two days are for any book from your shelf or the library. On game day, pick any game for your grade on english1to5.com. Finish all 14 to earn the certificate on page 9.

Day 1 **Spelling words** Read and copy the winter words ☐	Day 2 **Word search** Find all the winter words ☐	Day 3 **Reading** Read the story or article ☐	Day 4 **Questions** Answer the reading questions ☐	Day 5 **Skill page** Do the practice page ☐	Day 6 **Library book** Read any book for 15 minutes ☐	Day 7 **Game day** Play an English game online ☐
Day 8 **Writing: plan** Plan your writing ☐	Day 9 **Writing: draft** Write your draft ☐	Day 10 **Writing: share** Fix it up and read it aloud ☐	Day 11 **Spelling test** A grown-up reads the words; you write them ☐	Day 12 **Reread** Read the story again, faster and smoother ☐	Day 13 **Library book** Read any book for 15 minutes ☐	Day 14 **Celebrate!** Finish the reading log and get your certificate ☐

For grown-ups: keep it short and fun. Ten focused minutes beat an hour of struggle. The answer key is on the last page.

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Winter Spelling Words

Read each word. Then write it on the line next to it. Cover it and write it again from memory.

hibernate	**migrate**
shelter	**freezing**
temperature	**survive**
burrow	**insulate**
season	**frost**

Spelling test on Day 11: a grown-up reads each word aloud and you write it.

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Winter Word Search

Find each word. Words go across, down and diagonally. Check the box when you find it.

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

☐ hibernate ☐ migrate ☐ shelter ☐ freezing ☐ temperature ☐ survive

☐ burrow ☐ insulate ☐ season ☐ frost

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How Animals Survive Winter

Your child reads on their own and answers in complete sentences, using words from the text.

Winter is a hard time for animals. Food is hard to find, and the temperature can drop below freezing. Animals have three main ways to survive the cold months.

Some animals leave. Many birds, like geese, migrate south in the fall to places where it is warmer and food is easier to find. Monarch butterflies fly thousands of miles to spend the winter in Mexico.

Some animals sleep. Groundhogs and some bats hibernate. Their hearts beat slowly, their bodies cool down and they live on fat they stored up in the fall. A hibernating groundhog breathes far more slowly than usual and barely moves for weeks.

Other animals stay active and adapt. Snowshoe hares grow white fur that hides them in the snow. Squirrels bury nuts in the fall and dig them up all winter. Deer grow a thick coat with hollow hairs that hold in warm air.

Whether they leave, sleep or adapt, each animal has its own way to make it to spring.

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Questions: How Animals Survive Winter

Look back at the text to find your answers.

1. What are the three main ways animals survive winter?

2. What does the word hibernate mean? Use the text to explain.

3. How does white fur help a snowshoe hare?

4. Which animal from the text would you most like to be in winter? Give a reason.

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Fix-it sentences

Each sentence has 2 or 3 mistakes. Look for capitals, commas, verb forms and apostrophes. Rewrite it correctly.

1. on new years eve we stayed up late.

2. the geese flys south every fall

3. we buyed hats scarves and mittens.

4. "Look at the snow" said Maya.

5. their going to chicago illinois.

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Write: Would you rather be a polar bear or a penguin for one winter day? Why?

State your opinion, give two reasons with details, and end with a conclusion sentence.

Plan: jot your ideas here before you write.

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Winter Break Reading Log

Write what you read each day, or draw a small picture. A grown-up initials the last box.

Day	What I read	Minutes	Grown-up
1			
2			
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14			



Winter Reading Champion

This certificate goes to

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for finishing all 14 days of the 3rd grade Winter Break Pack.

Signed _____ Date _____

Answer Key

For grown-ups. Praise effort first, then fix one thing at a time.

Word search

TEMPERATURE: row 1, column 3, down; HIBERNATE: row 3, column 4, down; FREEZING: row 5, column 7, down; INSULATE: row 3, column 11, down; MIGRATE: row 1, column 9, down; SHELTER: row 6, column 2, down; SURVIVE: row 6, column 5, down; BURROW: row 6, column 8, down; SEASON: row 5, column 1, down; FROST: row 2, column 5, diagonal

Reading questions

1. they migrate (leave), hibernate (sleep) or stay active and adapt
2. to sleep through the winter with a slow heartbeat, living on stored fat
3. it hides the hare in the snow
4. answers will vary

Fix-it sentences

1. On New Year's Eve, we stayed up late.
2. The geese fly south every fall.
3. We bought hats, scarves and mittens.
4. "Look at the snow!" said Maya.
5. They're going to Chicago, Illinois.

Writing

Look for: a clear beginning, details, and an ending; capital letters and end marks; spelling words used correctly.