



Winter words

Lesson code: TMZG-F699-97U2

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1 Warm-up

Do you like winter? Why/why not?

2 Winter objects

Match the words to the pictures.

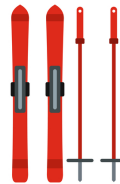
a fireplace
glovesa jumper
ice skatesa sled/a sledge
skis and ski polesa snowman
snowflakes

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____



3 Winter sports

Complete the sentences below with the correct winter sports.

ice hockey
ski jumping

ice skating
sledging

skiing
snowboarding

1. If there aren't too many people, I enjoy _____. But I have to hold onto the side.
2. Maria hates _____. Her legs go in different directions and she can't control them.
3. _____ is similar to surfing, as you move your body in the same way.
4. There are sometimes fights during an _____ match. It is a very fast, aggressive game.
5. Robert likes watching _____. He says it is very exciting when they fly through the air.
6. Emilia's family went _____ today. The seat was very hard though and she wanted a cushion.

4 Winter weather

Match the words below with the descriptions of winter weather.

a blizzard
frosty

foggy
snowy

freezing
stormy

1. It's quite cold and everything is white. There are flakes falling from the sky. _____
2. I can't see a lot. I can see shapes but I don't know what they are. _____
3. It's really, really cold. Make sure to put on your hat and gloves. _____
4. It's getting very windy and there are big black clouds coming. _____
5. We can't go anywhere. There is a lot of snow and the roads will be dangerous. _____
6. There is ice on everything. I will have to scrape the windscreen before we go anywhere.



5 Collocations

Match the verbs on the left to the words on the right to make winter collocations.

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| 1. build | a. a snowman |
| 2. throw | b. indoors |
| 3. slip | c. on the ice |
| 4. keep | d. snowballs |
| 5. stay | e. snow |
| 6. shovel | f. warm |

6 Winter words and phrases

Match the two halves of the sentences. Do the exercise with a partner and discuss what you think each word or phrase in bold means.

1. I am worried that we are going to be **snowed in**.
 2. A lot of animals like to **hibernate** during the winter.
 3. **The wind chill factor** will be high today.
 4. **Temperatures** will be **below zero** in the north at this time of year.
 5. There is **a blanket of snow** covering much of the city today.
 6. It will be **bitterly cold** today.
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- a. Everything is white and peaceful.
 - b. Humans also like to do this by staying indoors.
 - c. It will feel colder than the weather forecast.
 - d. The forecast is for more snow tomorrow and we might not be able to leave the house.
 - e. They won't increase until March.
 - f. We will have to turn up the heating.



1 Warm-up

Encourage a short warm-up discussion.

2 Winter objects

Students can work in pairs and then check with the teacher.

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| 1. a jumper | 2. a fireplace | 3. a snowman | 4. a sled/a sledge |
| 5. snowflakes | 6. ice skates | 7. skis and ski poles | 8. gloves |

3 Winter sports

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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. ice skating | 2. skiing | 3. snowboarding |
| 4. ice hockey | 5. ski jumping | 6. sledging |

4 Winter weather

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| 1. snowy | 2. foggy | 3. freezing |
| 4. stormy | 5. a blizzard | 6. frosty |

5 Collocations

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| 1. a | 2. d | 3. c | 4. f | 5. b | 6. e |
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6 Winter words and phrases

Get students to do the activity so they can discuss what each phrase means. *Be snowed in* - not be able to leave somewhere because of too much snow. *Hibernate* - sleep or be inactive during cold periods. *The wind chill factor* - the effect that wind speed has on how cold you feel. *Temperatures below zero* - temperatures less than 0 degrees Centigrade. (Fahrenheit in the US). *A blanket of snow* - a snow cover on an area. *Bitterly cold* - extremely cold.

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| 1. d | 2. b | 3. c | 4. e | 5. a | 6. f |
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