

# Year 6 Winter English Activity Booklet

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# Winter Words

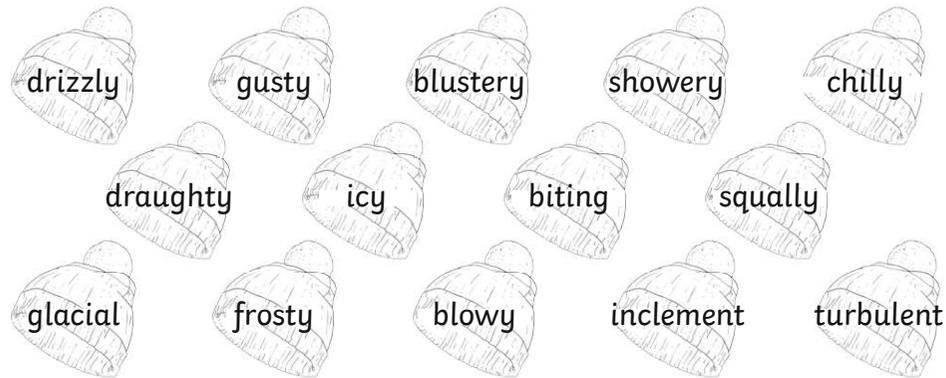
Can you match the winter words to their more ambitious synonyms? Write a list for each word:

cold 

windy 

rainy 

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Could you use some of the words in winter-themed sentences with two independent clauses (separated with a colon, semi-colon or dash)?

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# PICTURE-BOOKS IN WINTER

## by Robert Louis Stevenson

Summer fading, winter comes—  
Frosty mornings, tingling thumbs,  
Window robins, winter rooks,  
And the picture story-books.

Water now is turned to stone  
Nurse and I can walk upon;  
Still we find the flowing brooks  
In the picture story-books.

All the pretty things put by,  
Wait upon the children's eye,  
Sheep and shepherds, trees and crooks,  
In the picture story-books.

We may see how all things are,  
Seas and cities, near and far,  
And the flying fairies' looks,  
In the picture story-books.

How am I to sing your praise,  
Happy chimney-corner days,  
Sitting safe in nursery nooks,  
Reading picture story-books?

## Questions

1. Highlight all the rhyming words. Can you describe the rhyming pattern in this poem?

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2. Find two words or phrases which tell you that the poem is set in winter.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the author mean by 'Water now is turned to stone'?

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4. Tick the word closest in meaning to **nooks**.

opening  chairs  corners  beds

5. Is this a modern or traditional poem?

Find evidence in the text.

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6. Try writing another stanza that fits with the poem.

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In my last competition, I achieved seventy six out of a possible hundred points, which pleased me.

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I'm a self confessed show off, but that is helpful during competitions where I have to perform in front of large, noisy crowds.

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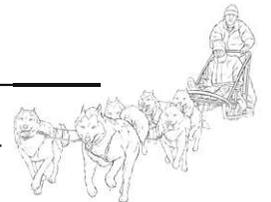
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With some commands I have to use a sing song voice, which ensures that the dogs know I am asking them to do something important.

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Can you use some of the altered words in winter sentences of your own?

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## Hapless Hyphens

These winter sports players have been writing about their sporting achievements but have forgotten how to use hyphens. Can you correct the mistakes?

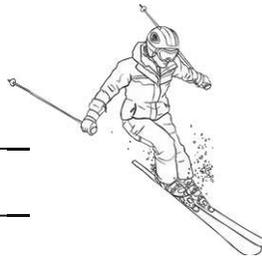
I've had my ice hockey stick since I was nine years old.



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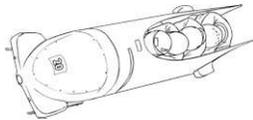
Whenever I fall, I try to re-cover myself as quickly as possible.



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Our death defying run down the track felt like blasting off in a rocket.



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## Super Sentences

Use your super sentence writing skills to create **passive sentences**. Look at the image, then create a **passive sentence** that makes sense.



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Now, use your super sentence writing skills to create **active sentences**. Look at the image, then create an **active sentence** that makes sense.



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## Winter Wonderland

Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think about and write a short paragraph.



Sentence 1: Use a dash/dashes to indicate parenthesis.

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Sentence 2: Include a relative clause.

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Sentence 3: Use a semi-colon to mark the boundary between related independent clauses.

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## Super Sentences

Use your super sentence writing skills to create **formal sentences**. Look at the image, then write a **formal sentence** that makes sense. You could use the subjunctive form.



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Now, use your super sentence writing skills to create **informal sentences**. Look at the image, then write an **informal sentence** that makes sense. You could end with a question tag.



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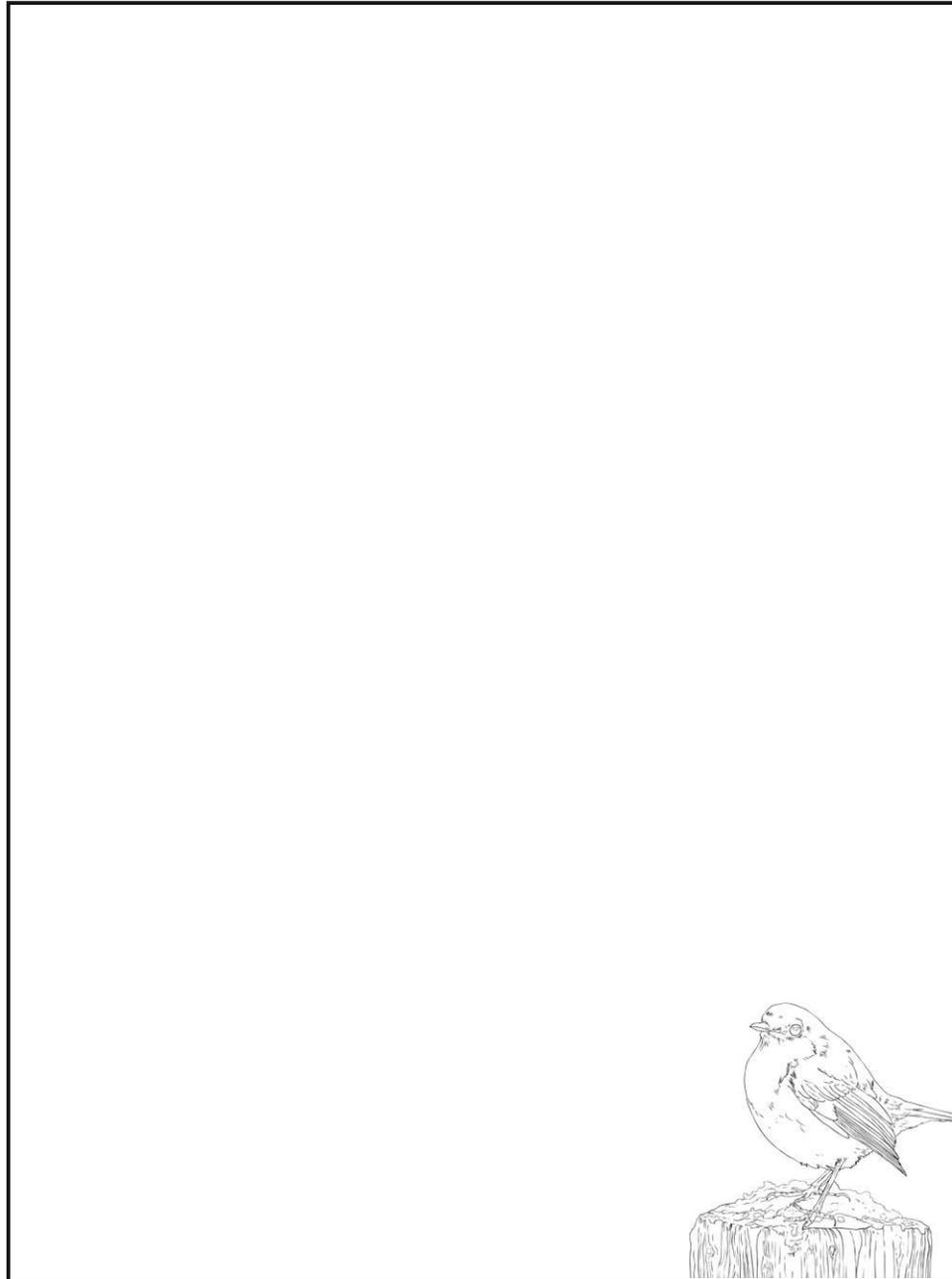
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# My Fact Sheet About Robins



Sentence 4: Use a passive sentence.

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Sentence 5: Start with a fronted adverbial.

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# Winter Word Scramble

Unscramble these statutory spelling words. Then use the numbered letters to create one last word.

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ERRTUTMEEPA 

SIDRASSUTO 

HYHMTR 

HEMISCIOSUV 

PNMOTITCIOE 

LEPTOAXINNA 

AAGGTEERXE 

SAIHYLCP 

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6. a) Why do you think that robins are the UK's favourite bird?

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b) Are they your favourite bird? Why?

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7. Can you rewrite the information in a fact sheet including:

- headings;
- sub-headings;
- bullet points;
- a table?

## Robins Questions

1. Name two habitats for robins.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is meant when the author states that robins are 'the epitome of winter'?

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Tick the word closest in meaning to **migrants**.

inhabitants  locals  visitors  birds

4. Which of these colours is not found on a robin's body?

white  red

brown  grey

black  orange

5. Find two things that male robins do to mark out their territories.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Use some of your words in winter-themed sentences including modal verbs.

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## Robins

Recently voted Britain's national bird, robins are for many people the epitome of winter. They are regularly used as a symbol for Christmas and all things festive. Robins are a common breeding bird but in winter the resident population is joined by European migrants.

### Which Countries Do They Live In?

Robins can be found in most countries all over Europe, although they do not live on the Mediterranean coast or in northern Scandinavia.



They can also be found in some parts of northern Africa, central Russia, the Azores and the Canary Islands.

### Where Are Their Habitats?

Robins live in gardens, parks, woodlands and hedgerows.

They are known for how tame they can be and can often be seen feeding on bird tables during winter months.

### Appearance

Robins have a red/orange face and breast, which has a grey border around it. Their back and wings are brown but the rest of their body is white.

### What Types of Foods Do They Eat?

Robins feast on berries, seeds, insects and worms.

### Territories

Robins are very territorial and the male bird marks out his territory by singing loudly, particularly in springtime. Males can be seen fighting each other if their territories are threatened. These fights can be brutal and can result in death.

