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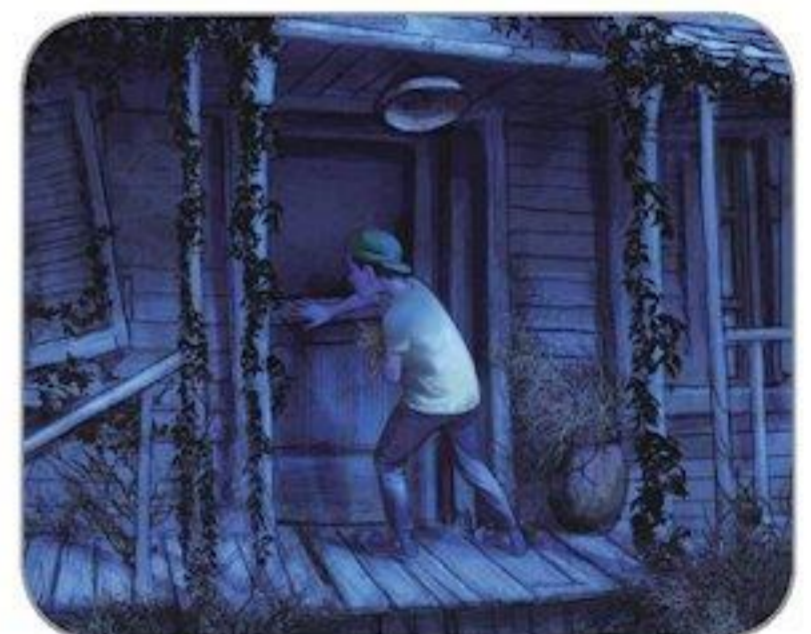
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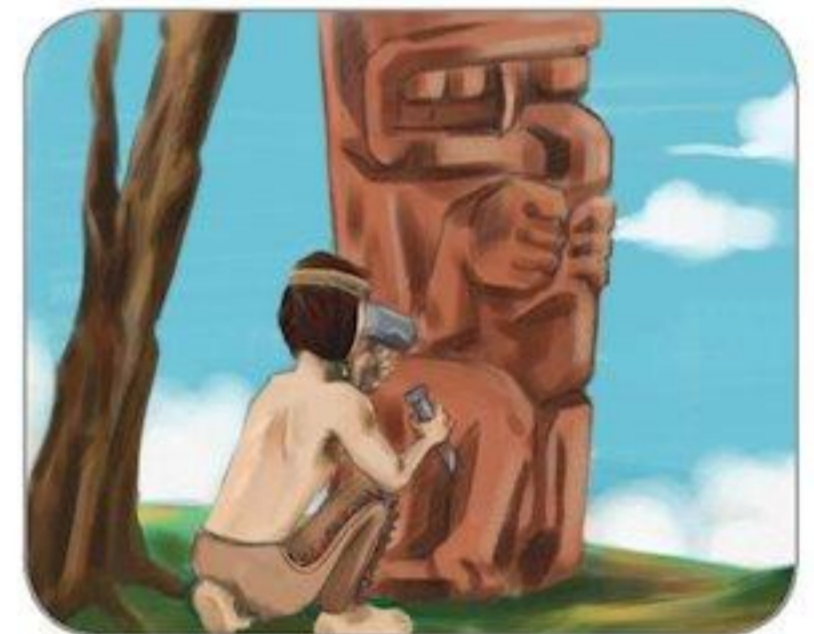
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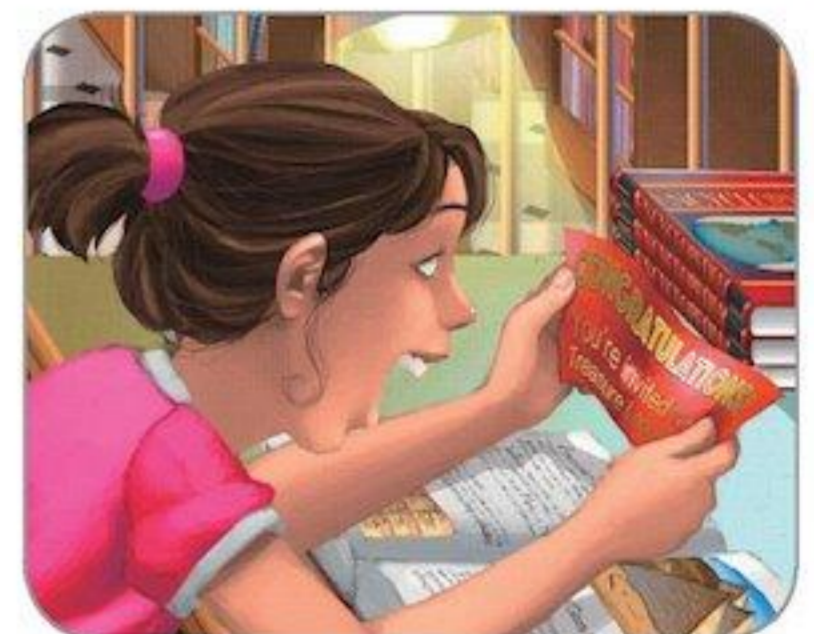
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Unit 1

Theme: Popcorn

Reading Skill: Understand Mood

Popcorn Snow



LET'S TALK!

How do you know
the boy likes popcorn?

Check the true sentence.

- The boy is watching a movie.
- The boy is buying popcorn at a store.
- The boy is holding a bowl of popcorn.

NEW WORDS

gather v. to collect; to get
The children **gathered** the snowballs.

blossom n. a flower of a tree; an opening piece of popcorn
The daisy **blossom** has white petals.

cease v. to stop
Jimmy **ceased** talking and was quiet.

slippery adj. being wet and smooth
The roads are **slippery** when it rains.

gingerly adv. in a slow, careful way
Deer walk **gingerly** through the woods.

fluffy adj. being soft and full of shape
The ducklings are very **fluffy**.

phenomenon n. a happening that can't be explained
Rainbows are not a **phenomenon**.

decade n. a time of ten years
My grandfather bought the house two **decades** ago.

Popcorn Snow



People eat popcorn when they go to the movies. Popcorn is made mainly in a microwave. Sometimes it is made in a pan. However, in my world, we don't need to make popcorn. Have you ever seen popcorn snow? Well, welcome to my fantasy world!

Each winter we have popcorn snow here. Whenever it popcorns, we just go out and **gather** popcorn into our baskets. Last winter, I gathered six baskets of popcorn. My brother raked while I put it into a big sack. My dog, Boomer, ate so much popcorn that he gained about 2 kg! We ate the gatherings the whole winter.

Popcorn snow is fantastic! White popcorn **blossoms** fall from the sky. On popcorn snow days, you can smell the tasty butter in the air. Pick up one kernel and eat it. You will taste the salt. It is not safe to drive on popcorn snow days so all car owners **cease** driving. Roads are buttery and **slippery**. Children and adults walk **gingerly** through the

streets. They try not to slip or fall. They try not to mess up too much of the corn. Children also make popcorn-men. We also have pop-ball fights. No one gets hurt from the pop-ball fights because the popcorn balls are soft and fluffy.

Nobody knows for sure how popcorn snow is made. Scientists have researched this phenomenon for decades. They can't find an answer. Some people believe that somebody in the clouds makes lots of popcorn in the winter. They make way too much for themselves, so the clouds get heavy and popcorn snow falls on us.

We are happy with popcorn snow and look forward to it every winter!



Comprehension

A Check T (True) or F (False).

- 1 In the writer's world, they have popcorn snow every summer.
- 2 Scientists don't know how popcorn snow is made.

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B Choose the best answers.

- 1 What does the writer do when it popcorns?
 - a. cleans popcorn on the street
 - b. watches a movie and eats popcorn
 - c. gathers popcorn into baskets
 - d. makes popcorn
- 2 What can you smell in the air on popcorn snow days?
 - a. sweet herbs
 - b. tasty butter
 - c. buttery garlic
 - d. juicy steak
- 3 Why do car owners cease driving when it popcorns?
 - a. Roads are slippery.
 - b. They are busy gathering popcorn.
 - c. Their cars are broken.
 - d. They want to eat popcorn.
- 4 Children do all of the following on popcorn snow days EXCEPT:
 - a. walk gingerly
 - b. have pop-ball fights
 - c. make popcorn-men
 - d. go for sleigh rides

C Write the correct answers.

- 1 How many baskets of popcorn did the writer gather last winter?

- 2 Who knows how popcorn snow is made?

Reading Skill

Understand Mood

A mood is often expressed by setting and words in a story. You can get mood clues through key words, phrases, or sentences.

Choose and write the clues that show the mood of the story.

Clue 1

We ate the popcorn we gathered the whole winter.

Clue 2

Mood

Popcorn snow days are happy, fun times.

Clue 3

Clue 4

It is not safe to drive on popcorn snow days.

Children make popcorn-men and have pop-ball fights.

When it popcorns, we gather popcorn into our baskets.

Roads are buttery and slippery.

Popcorn snow is fantastic!

Summary

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

winter fantasy cease blossoms buttery

In my _____ world, we have popcorn snow every winter. White popcorn _____ fall from the sky. On popcorn snow days, people _____ driving because roads are _____ and slippery. We have fun with popcorn snow. Nobody knows how popcorn snow is made, but we are happy and look forward to it every _____!

Share It!

What kind of snow would you want to have in your fantasy world?

I would want to have _____

Example 1

I would want to have chocolate snow. I love chocolate, but my mom doesn't let me eat it because it is bad for my teeth.

Example 2

I would want to have flower snow. People would be happy to see beautiful flowers falling from the sky.