

# Happy by the Lake

Jenny enjoys sitting on a bench by the lake. She and her brother sit on that bench and they talk. Jenny and her brother talk about the duck that swims in the lake. They talk about the white goose that stands on the shore.

A large tree gives shade to that bench by the lake. Jenny and her brother look up at the tree. A bluebird with a rusty-orange chest sits upon a branch. A pine cone drops from the tree and rolls under the bench. Jenny's brother picks up the pine cone. It is sticky from the sap of the tree.

Soon, a frog jumps past the bench. That frog has just caught a fly on its sticky tongue! Jenny and her brother have a good laugh about that. They are happy on the bench by the lake.



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1. Why is it nice and cool where Jenny and her brother sit?

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2. What three birds do they notice? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Which bird is the most active? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why was it easy to spot the bluebird? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What are two sticky things in this story? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What did Jenny and her brother do together besides watch the animals?

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# Going to the Mountains

Jan and Jon are twins. They live with their mom and dad. They live in a town that never gets cold. The town never has snow in the winter. But they can see the mountains in the distance and the mountains have snow.

Sometimes, the twins' parents take them to the mountains. Everyone puts on a heavy jacket. They all wear fuzzy mittens on their hands. They each have a warm, winter cap.

The family enjoys playing in the snow. They make a huge circle like a track in the snow. That circle is like a track.

They chase each other around the track. They slip. They slide. They get wet when they fall down, but that snow play is fun!



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1. Why would Jan and Jon look far away to the mountains? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How far away are the mountains? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How does the family prepare for snow play? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Name six things the family does in the snow. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. When might Jan and Jon lose their caps? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why does their track need to be huge? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Too Much Snow

Ned remembers last winter very well. Last winter, there was too much snow! The snow got in his way. There was so much snow, he couldn't even play.

The big snow was last January. Ned could not open his front door. He pushed and pushed the door. He slowly pushed away the snow. Then he climbed to the top of the snow pile. He slipped and fell. He got back up. Snow was in his boots. Snow was inside his mittens, too. Snow was even under his winter cap. Ned stood on the snow pile for a few minutes. Then he slid down to the bottom. He was ready to go back into his house.



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1. In what season is January? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What was Ned thinking about last January? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why couldn't he hurry outside to play? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How do you know that Ned was strong? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why did he get so cold? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How did Ned quickly get ready to go back into his house? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Write about your own snow adventure on another piece of paper.