

Activities to GO



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WINTER SURVIVAL

for animals

The weather is getting cold, and animals are getting ready to hibernate. Here are ways that animals adapt to survive during the winter months.

Hibernation



Step 1:

Go into a very deep sleep to save your energy!

Migration



Step 2:

If you cannot hibernate, travel to a warmer place to find more food.

Adaptation



Step 3:

If you stay, you have to change the color of your fur or grow an extra layer of coat.

Fun Fact!

Some animals can hibernate during summer. This is called aestivation.

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WORD SEARCH

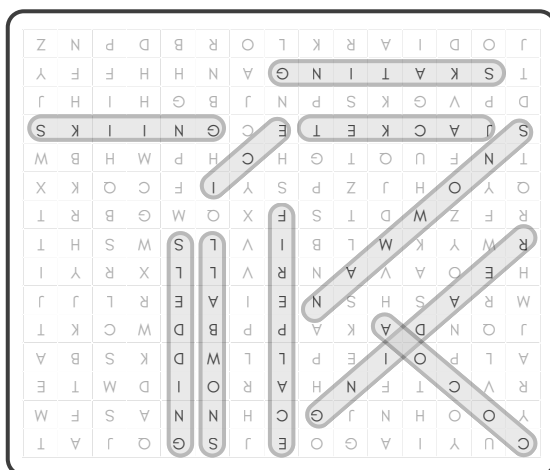


Find 10 activities or things related to winter.



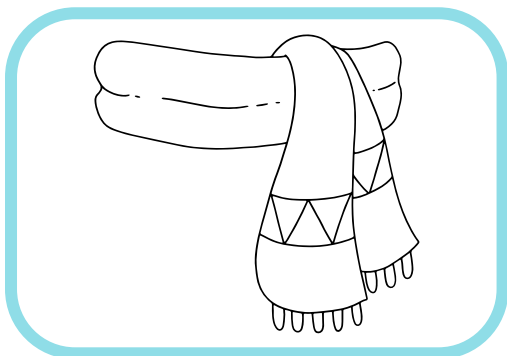
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☐ SNOWMAN ☐ READING ☐ ICE ☐ COCOA ☐ FIREPLACE

ANSWER KEY



WORD SCRAMBLE

Correct the misspelled word. Then color in each image.



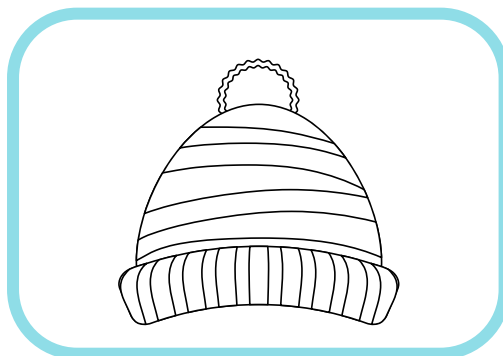
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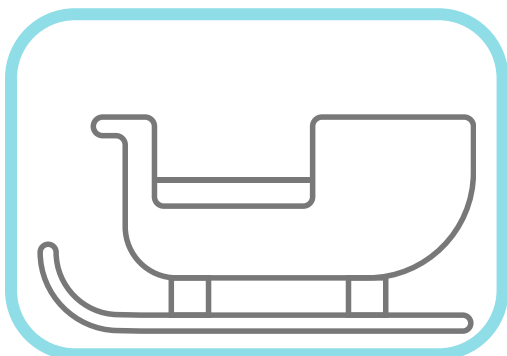
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ANSWER KEY

BEANIE, SLEIGH, HOT CHOCOLATE,
SCARF, GLOVES, SNOWMAN,



ALL ABOUT WINTER



Circle the winter months.

January

May

August

February

October

June

Types of weather you
might see in winter.

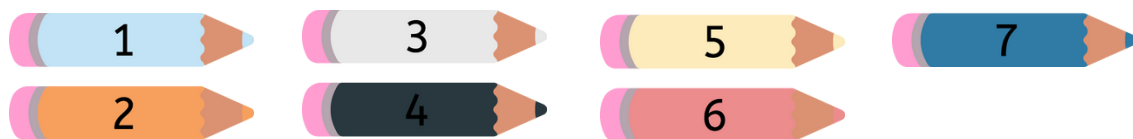
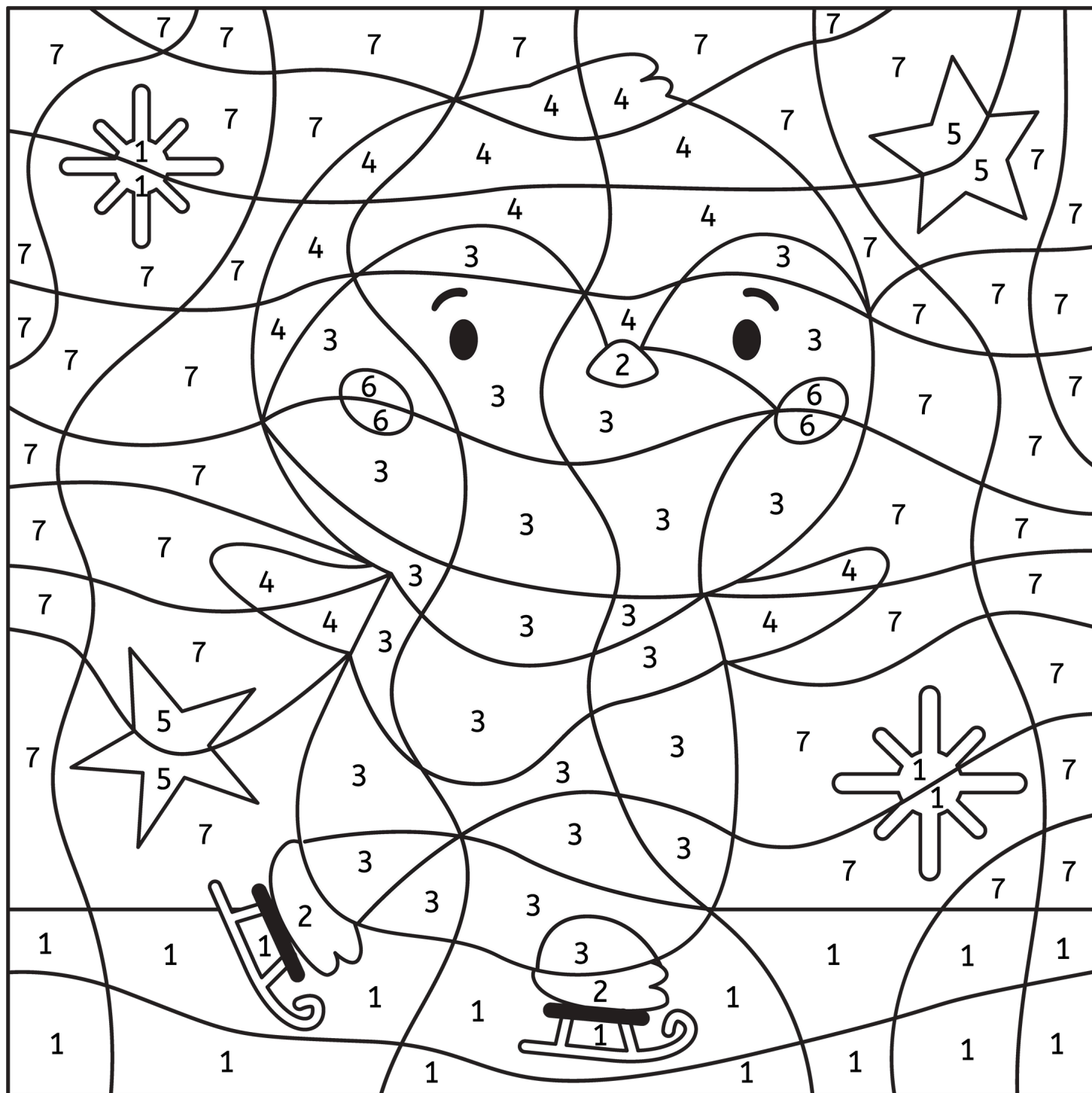
Name an animal
that hibernates.

Decorate the snowman.



Name an activity you like
to do in the winter.

COLOR BY NUMBER



READING BINGO

Complete each reading challenge on the bingo board.
Mark off every square as you finish to complete the entire board.



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| Find a word with more than 3 syllables. | Write one fact you learned from a nonfiction book. | Draw the main character from a story. |
| What happened first in the story? | FREE SPACE! | Summarize the story in two sentences. |
| Identify the problem in the story. | What was the setting of the story? | What's your favorite part of the book? Why? |

NEED SOMETHING TO READ? TUMBLE FOR BOOKS

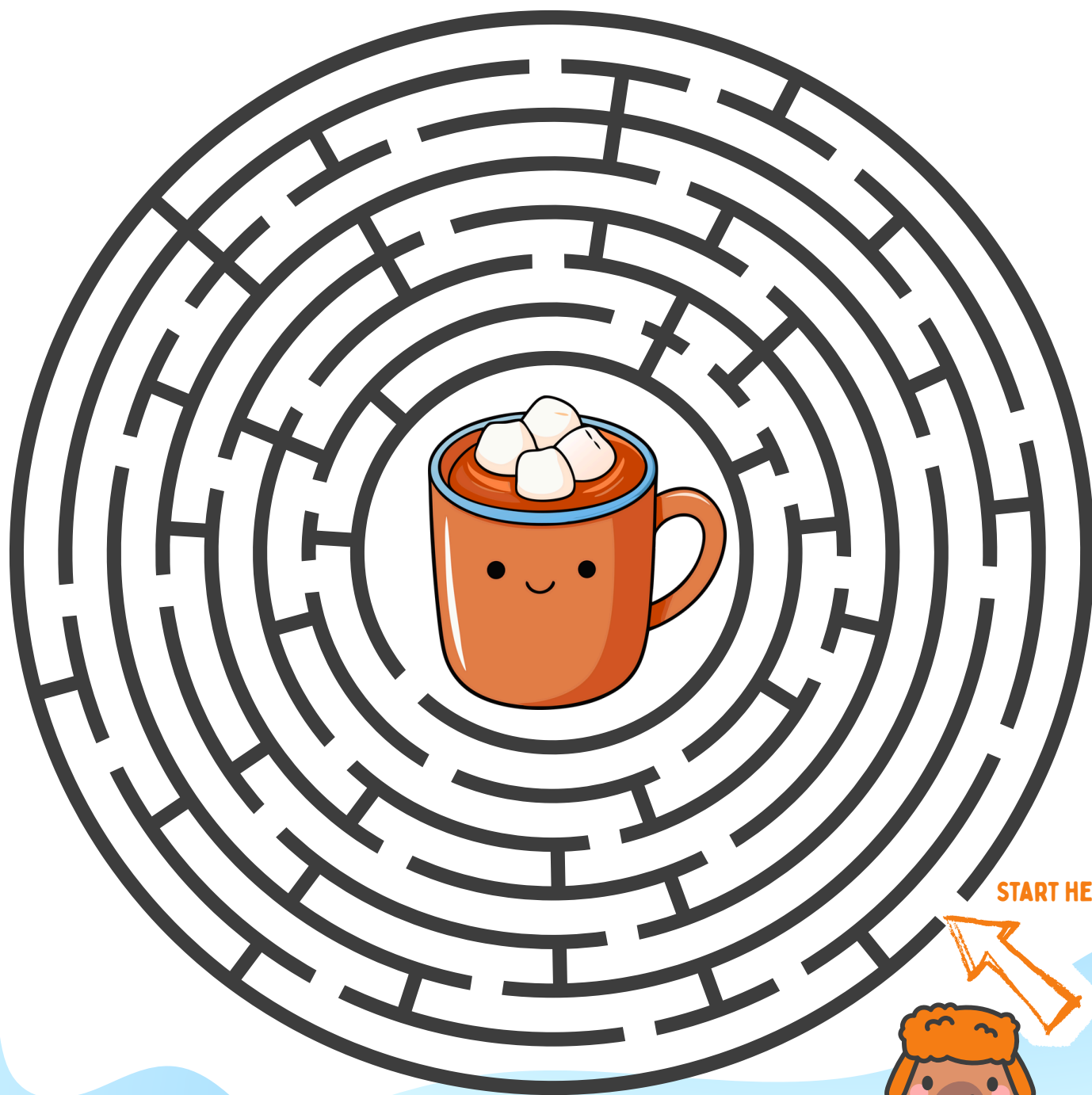
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HOT CHOCOLATE MAZE

Welcome to the Maze Challenge! The capybara (the largest living rodent native to South America) is shivering and needs your help finding a cup of hot chocolate.



STORY STARTER

Read the sentence and write a story.

Write a story about following animal tracks in the snow and where they lead you.

[illegible]

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