

**Reading Selection****Snow Friends**

“Guess what, April. It’s snowing!”

When she heard her mother’s voice, April jumped out of bed. She ran to the window. A blanket of snow covered the yard. “Maybe you would like to build a snowman today,” her mother said.

It was April’s first snowfall. Her family had just moved to Michigan from Florida. April couldn’t wait to go outside and start her snowman.

She put on her warm coat, boots, a hat, and gloves. “Wow, it’s cold out here,” she said as she stepped into the snow. She looked up. Long icicles hung from the gutter of her house.

April started to roll a ball of snow for her snowman. It was hard work!

After a while, she heard a voice behind her. “Do you need some help? I have two buttons we can use for the eyes. And a carrot for a nose. I even have a long red scarf to put around his neck.”



April turned around. It was Lakeesha, her neighbor. The girls began to work together. When they were done, the snowman was taller than April!

April's mother came out to take a picture. "There you are," Mother said. "April, Lakeesha, and the snowman. Three snow friends."

The next morning, Lakeesha came over to April's house. The sun was shining. It was a lot warmer.

Splash! April looked up. The long icicles were melting, and one of the drops hit April right on her head. The solid ice had turned to water!



“Look at our snowfriend, Lakeesha,” April said. “Yesterday, he was taller than I am. Today, I am taller than he is. Did I grow overnight?”

“No, April. He’s melting. The warm sun is making him melt.”

April looked at the snowfriend. His head was tilted. His ears were drooping. The ground near the snowfriend was squishy.

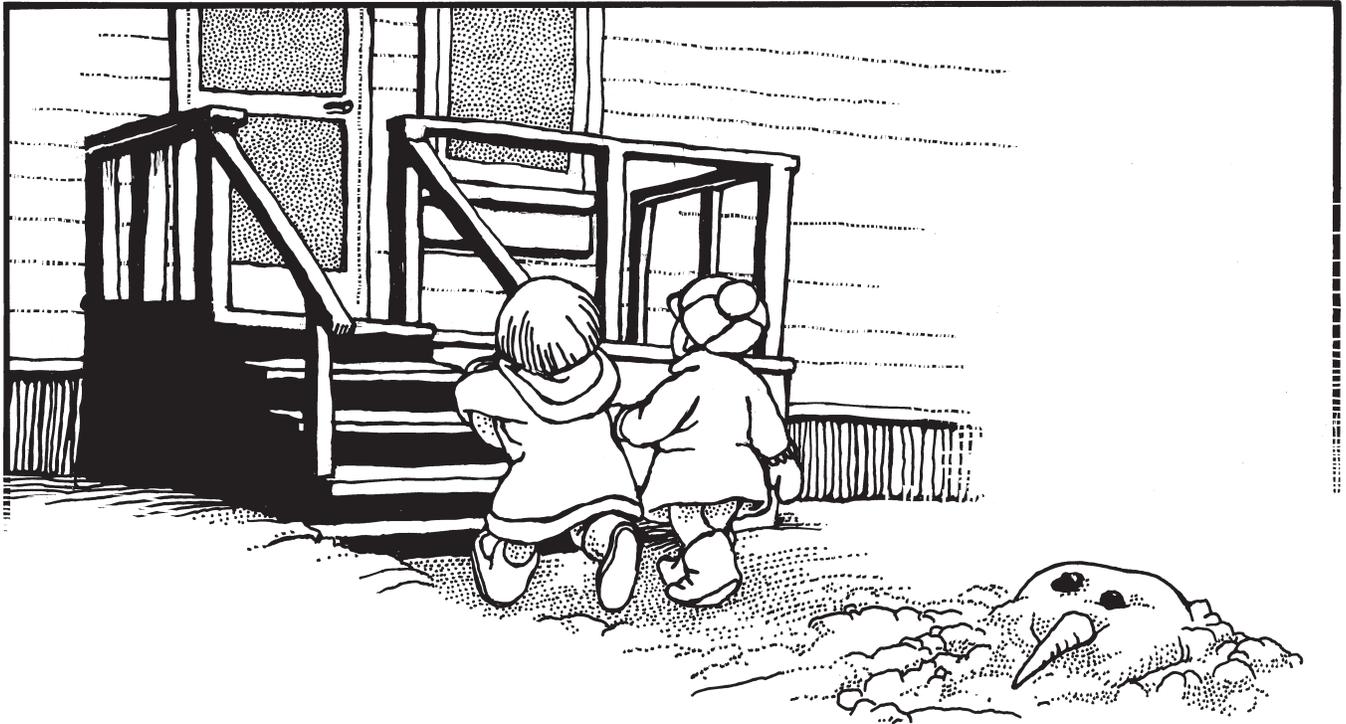
April felt sad. She and Lakeesha had worked so hard to build it. “What can we do?” she said. “I don’t want our snowfriend to melt.”

“I have an idea,” said Lakeesha. She whispered it into April’s ear.

“Great,” said April. She ran into the house and came back with a plastic bowl and lid. “Will this work?”

“It’s perfect,” said Lakeesha. The two girls scraped some snow from the bottom of the snowfriend and shaped it into a solid ball. Then they placed the ball into the bowl and put the lid on.





“Now let’s put the bowl with the snowball into the freezer. We can keep it frozen solid until next year and use it to start our next snowfriend.” The two girls giggled and ran inside.

**Record Sheet 9–A**

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**Two New Solids**

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Color		
Shape		
Hardness		
Rolls		
Stacks		
Floats or sinks		
Magnetic		