

Readers Theater: Snowman's Melt-Down Mystery



Characters

- Narrator
- Snowman
- Santa
- Reindeer
- Gingerbread Man
- Frost Fairy

Optional Props:

1. Snowman hat, carrot nose, scarf
2. Cookie sheet with “fresh baked” sign
3. Snowflakes or glitter for Frost Fairy
4. Sleigh bell for Reindeer
5. Mini flashlight for clue searching
6. Santa hat
7. White cotton or tissue “snow”

Narrator:

It was a frosty December morning, the kind where every tree sparkled like it had been dipped in sugar.

Snowdrifts glittered in the sunlight, and the North Pole hummed with excitement for the upcoming holiday.

But not everything was merry.

At the center of Snowflake Square, Snowman was having a crisis.

Snowman:

(Whimpering) Oh no. Oh no. Oh no.

Something is terribly wrong. I can feel it. My left side is droopy. My right side is sloppy. And my middle snowball is shrinking like a forgotten snow cone.

Narrator:

Snowman looked around the snowy yard. It was freezing outside. Icy. Frosty. Perfect snowman weather.

So why was he melting?

Reindeer:

(Trotting in) Snowman, buddy, what is going on? You look like you collided with a campfire.

Snowman:

I think someone stole some of my snow in the night.
Look at me. I am lopsided. Lopsnowed. Lopsnooped. I am
a disaster.

Reindeer:

Let's not panic. I will get Santa.

Santa:

(Hurrying in with jingle bells jingling) Snowman, my
friend, what is the trouble this fine winter morning?

Snowman:

I am melting. Melting. Melting. And I do not know why.
Someone took my snow.

Santa:

Impossible. It is colder than a penguin's popsicle out
here.

Reindeer:

Santa, look. There are clues.

(Taps ground) A warm cookie crumb. And hoof prints.
And something sparkly.

Santa:

This calls for the Frost Fairy. When strange sparkles
appear, she is never far behind.

(Magical jingling sound. Frost Fairy swoops in with twirling snowflakes.)

Frost Fairy:

Did someone say sparkle? Snow trouble? Frozen mysteries?

I sensed a temperature emergency.

Someone's in a

Please help me. My snow is slipping off like butter on warm toast.

Frost Fairy:

(Sprinkles frost dust near the nutcracker.)

Yes. Yes. I see three things.

One warm cookie crumb.

One set of hoofprints.

And one trail of magical glow.

This is definitely a mystery.

Santa:

Who would bring warm cookies outside? All the cookies in the North Pole are cooled on racks.

Unless...

Reindeer:

(Gasping) The Gingerbread Man! He always runs around with fresh cookies. Literally.

(Gingerbread Man rushes in, crumbs flying.)

Gingerbread Man:

Hi everyone! I heard someone say my name loudly enough to wake the gummy worms.

Snowman:

Did you steal my snow?

Gingerbread Man:

Me? No way. I barely have time to keep myself from being eaten by Santa during taste-tests.

Santa:

Hey, I only taste baked goods, not friends.

Frost Fair:

Gingerbread Man, did you have warm cookies with you last night?

Gingerbread Man:

Well, yes. I baked a new batch but Santa started sniffing around the kitchen, so I ran faster than a reindeer with roller skates.

Narrator:

Gingerbread Man held up his cookie sheet. It was still steaming slightly.

Reindeer:

Wow. That cookie sheet... it looks burnt. Like it hit something.

Gingerbread Man:

Oh. That might have been when I tripped and accidentally slapped it on... something red.

And white.

And snowy.

On the way out the door.

Snowman:

You hit me? With a hot cookie sheet?

Gingerbread Man:

I am so sorry. I could not see in the snow storm and I thought you were a giant marshmallow.

I did not know it made you melt.

Frost Fairy:

Do not worry, Snowman. We can fix this. I will add sparkle-snow.

(Sprinkles magic)

Reindeer, bring fresh snow.

Reindeer:

On it.

(Rolls snowball over)

Santa:

And I will pack the snow in place. Ho ho ho.

(Helps shape Snowman)

Gingerbread Man:

And I will fan you with my cookie sheet. It is cool now.

Very safe.

Snowman:

Ahhh. That feels so much better. I am back to my usual, magnificent self.

Frost Fairy:

There's a little sparkle. A little snow. A little teamwork.

Santa:

Mystery solved. Accident forgiven.

Snowman:

Thank you all. Even you, Gingerbread Man. Just please keep your hot cookie sheets away from me forever.

Gingerbread Man:

Deal.

Narrator:

And so, the Snowman was restored, the clues made sense, and everyone learned that even the coldest mysteries can be solved with kindness and teamwork. And with that, the North Pole returned to its regularly scheduled holiday cheer.

Everyone:

The end.

Name: _____

Date: _____

What made Snowman think someone stole his snow?

How did Gingerbread Man accidentally cause the problem?

How did the group fix Snowman?

Santa



Reindeer



Snowman



Gingerbread Man



Frost Fairy



Narrator



Santa



Reindeer



Snowman



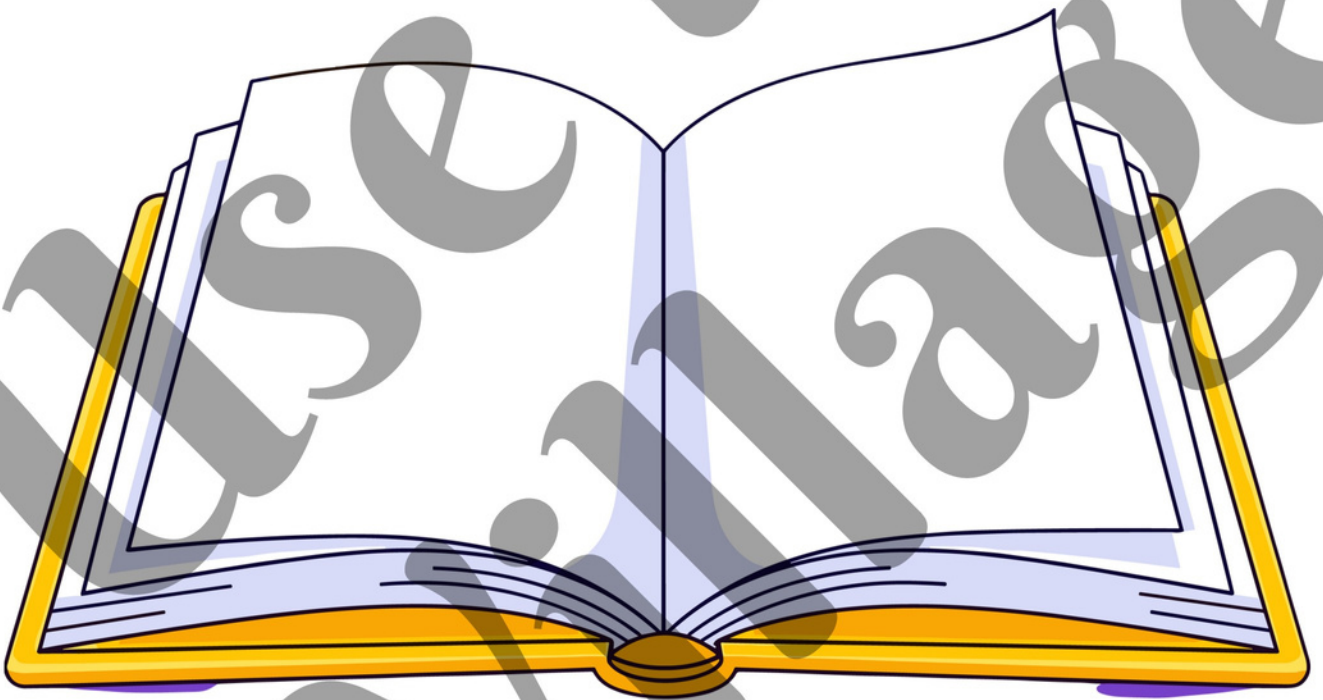
Gingerbread Man



Frost Fairy



Narrator



Teacher Suggestions:

Assigning Roles: Consider your students' reading levels and confidence when assigning roles. Encourage students to practice their parts at home or during independent reading time.

Practicing Fluency: Have students practice their parts multiple times to build fluency and expression.

Props & Costumes: Use the optional props list to create simple, engaging props.

Character Labels: Students can also use the provided character names to either cut out to hang around their neck to help identify characters to the audience or alternatively draw and illustrate what they imagine their character to look like.

Performance: Arrange a space in the classroom where students can perform. Invite other students to watch the final performance to boost students' confidence and make it more special.

Reader Response Questions: Use the provided questions to facilitate a post-performance discussion. This will help assess comprehension and encourage students to think critically about the play.

Extension Activities

Design a Snowman Repair Kit

Students create a list or drawing of tools needed to fix a magical snowman.

Write a Frost Fairy Spell

Students write their own frost spell to help Snowman stay cold.

STEM Activity: Insulation Experiment

Test various materials to keep ice from melting the longest.

Snowflake Collector Art

Students draw what Snowman looks like after his “sparkle-snow” upgrade.

Cookie Sheet Trajectory Map

Students draw the Butterbread Man's runaway cookie-sheet path and label where clues were found.