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Winter Writing Contest

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Prompt: Write a Story About your
Favourite Holiday Memory



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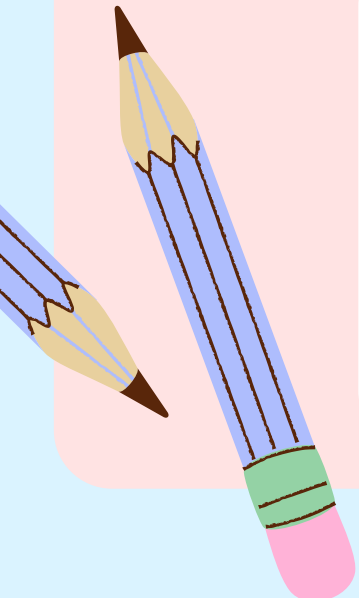
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Introduction



Hello, All!

Thanks so much for coming.

In this collection, we have some amazing stories about winter!

The writers who added to this collection added fun, insight, and lots of creativity in their writing. You'll read about wonder-filled trips to Winter Wonderland, a wonderful moment peeling beansprouts, wonderful tea parties, and so much more!

This is only a small glimpse at all of the splendid writing we have today:
And we can't wait to share it with you.

Thank you so much: Happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Arctic Reading Circle Team



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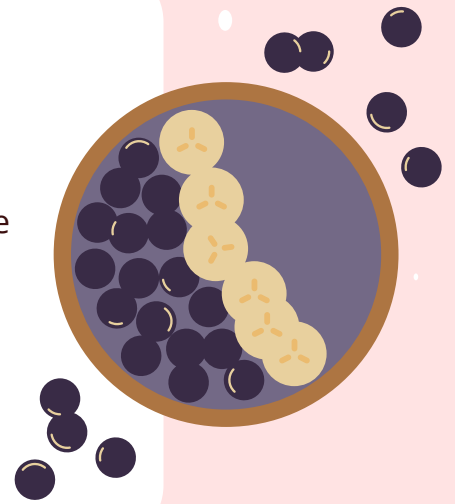
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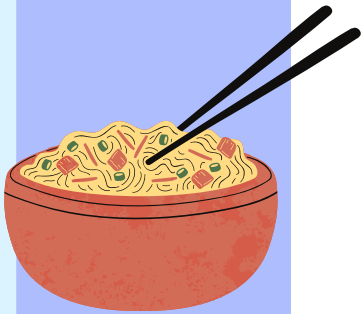
Written By: Eason G.

One of my most memorable holidays was when my family, two of my friends and their mom went to Niagara Falls. We booked two apartment suites, one for my family and the other for my friends. The best part was that the apartments were connected with a door! We went to sleep because it was night time when we got there. The following morning, we woke up, washed our faces, and went downstairs to have breakfast. After that, we went on a steamboat for a few hours, and then went to have lunch. After that, we went to the waterfalls and examined it and had our dinner and went back to the hotel room and slept. When we woke up, we washed our faces, ate breakfast and went home.



Written By: Irena C.

During the holidays, when my mom was about to start peeling bean sprouts, I asked if she needed help. The bean sprouts were from my dad. In the bag of bean sprouts, there were some brownish ones which were not good, some short ones which were fine, and some long bean sprouts which were also fine. Of course my mom said "Yes". Together, my mom and I started peeling bean sprouts quickly! Then, my brother named Ivan came. He did not look very happy when my mom asked him to help with peeling the beansprouts, but he still helped with an unhappy face. Later when I was peeling, my hands hurt but they did not hurt that much so I continued. Together, my mom, my brother and I continued. When we were done, my mom cooked the bean sprouts. My mom cooked 9 and 9 Noodles (the name of the noodles). In the noodles, there were noodles and beansprouts, obviously, and meat and veggies. After my mom cooked the noodles, we ate them. It was YUMMY!



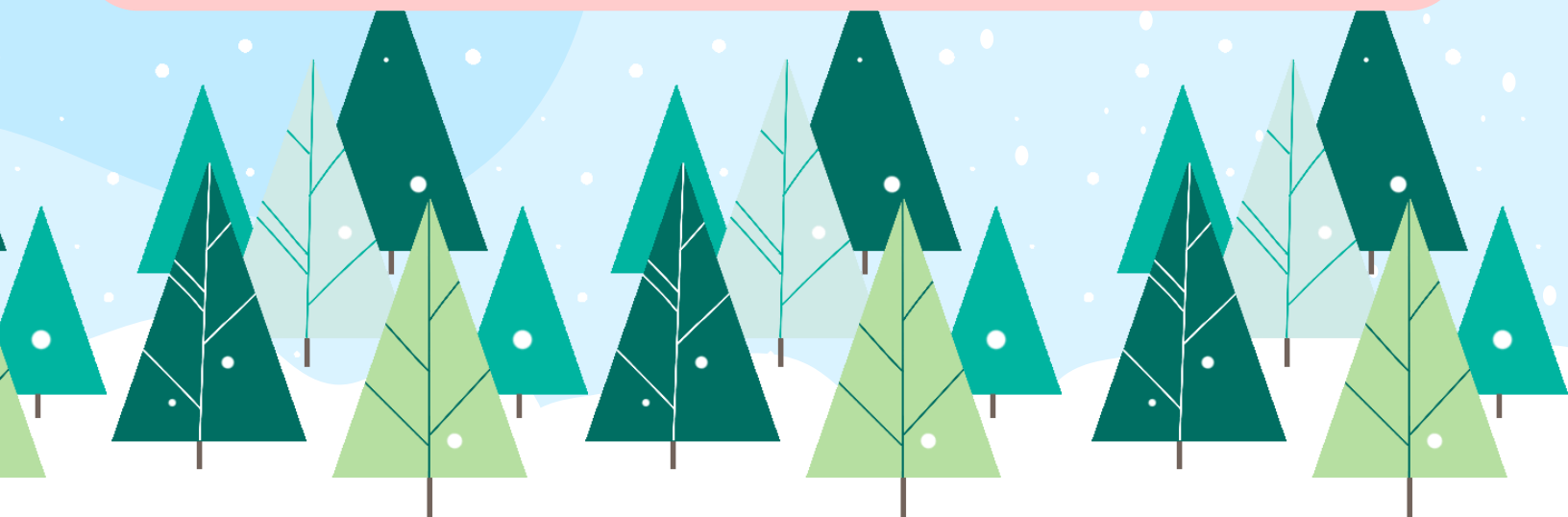
Written By: Sebastian P .

This is the story of my fifth Christmas when I was four years old. It was so fun! I was at Grammy and Grand-papa's home. In the morning, I slept in (which I never ever do!), then, I took my time to open my gifts. We ate berries and Grammy's applesauce (I had helped to pick the apples!). Then I read a very funny book, a very, very, very funny book called Amelia Bedelia. I did "petit-galop" (little horse gallop) with Grand-papa, and enjoyed the tiny village under the tree with Grammy. I played in the snow, building a snowman in the yard and going tobogganing. Grammy even had a tea party for me. We laughed a ton! I loved that I could thank them in person with hugs and kisses. In the evening, we had a really yummy supper and went to bed. I loved spending this time together. We had a great time at Christmas.



Written By: Ryan G.

The most memorable thing I did on a holiday was that my family and I went to a place called "Blue Mountain" last year. We had lots of fun on the first day, but on the second day, my twin brother, Eason, got injured. We went home but Eason had to stay at the hospital so my dad stayed with him. When Eason came home with my dad, my two brothers Eason and Chris built a snowman. That was six days before Christmas. For Christmas, I got a board game called "Life", and it was fun. My brother Chris got a basketball net, and Eason got a giant teddy bear.



Written By: Mustafa U .

A couple of years ago when I was four years old, I had just woken up when I heard some exciting news! Me and my family were going to Winter Wonderland! I couldn't wait but I did (somehow). -And when it was evening, I knew just what to do!

I went to the coat holder and grabbed my snow jacket. I ran towards the door and put on my sneakers. When I was outside, it was cold. But I endured the frigid conditions and got in the car.

My dad was driving, and on the way there we saw houses... WITH LIGHTS! Some full of lights and some, just a couple. There was a house that had an inflatable Santa, an Eiffel tower statue with lights, and a lot of lights around the house.

I was in awe! I had never seen such a decorative place! But I was wrong, at Winter Wonderland there was festivity EVERYWHERE! There were fun games (which I played). And loads of fantastic food! We went to the Christmas market.

On the way there, we stopped at a little food cart. Me and my mom ate some churros, but my dad didn't. At the Christmas market, we only looked at the shops since there wasn't anything we needed. There were some awesome things such as cool toys, elf hats, etc.

And to end the amazing day, we went to Santa's stories. It was a small, crowded tent, and inside was a stage and a wooden chair. A man dressed as Santa (along with elves) sat on the chair and told us stories (the elves acted them out) . It was a really fun day, and I was tired. I still cherish that day and I would always love to go there again.



Written By: Anne H.

On the last day of school before winter break, I was really excited, but the day felt sooo long. I was so excited when it was home time. Everyday after school, I have to walk home and it takes a few minutes. But when I finally get home, I wash my hands and I sit down watching my iPad for most of the day. The next day, I of course slept in. I usually sleep in pretty late, until like 12 PM, but when I woke up, me and my sister ate breakfast and after that we went outside to build a snowman! The snow wasn't really good packing snow so our snowman kind of just looked like a big giant blob! But, we put some carrots as eyes, nose, and buttons. There was so much snow we couldn't find any rocks! So we used carrots. After, we gave him a really cool looking camouflage hat, a mask, (you know for Covid so he doesn't get sick) and some blue glasses! We named him Jarred because.. well I don't know we just made up a random name! Then we also gave him arms, but out of cardboard! After that, we played in the snow for a while. But then, I got snow in my shirt and pants! So I got really cold and we went inside. The next few days were pretty normal. We didn't do anything that exciting but a few days later we went back outside to play in the snow and there was a lot of snow so of course we made another snowman! And this time the snow was really good so we could make an even bigger snowman, and when I mean bigger, I mean really really tall! We started just making big snowballs and we were planning on making a normal three snowball tall snowman.



But then, I wanted it really tall so I started adding more, and I had a really good technique. Usually when you make really big snowballs, you can barely carry them! Like they're so heavy, unless you're really strong, but of course we couldn't carry that big of a snowball so I made a medium sized snowball, basically a snowball I can carry, then I put it on the snowman and added onto that medium sized snowball to make a bigger snowball and it worked! I was really picky with how tall I wanted the snowman to be, but we eventually got it taller, it's a tiny bit taller than me, and we did it all by ourselves! Then after, we started on its face. This time, Sophie (my sister) got some rocks for the snowman! We used rocks for the eyes, nose, and buttons! We also got a mask for it! After we were done making its face, I wanted it to have a hat, but we didn't have any extra hats so I made it out of snow, and I personally think that it's a really good looking hat, I made a top hat! After, we showed our grandma and she told us to give it another face but facing the road so people can see his face! So we made it look almost exactly like the first face. Afterwards, my sister got some sticks from a bush and gave it arms! We were really proud of it! We named it Her because for some reason my sister liked that name, so now we have two snowmen named Jarred and Her!



Games

Did you know...?

Winter in the Southern Hemisphere is really Summer in the Northern Hemisphere!

Winter extends from June 21 or 22 to September 22 or 23 in the Southern Hemisphere, instead of December 21 or 22 to March 20 or 21 in the Northern Hemisphere.

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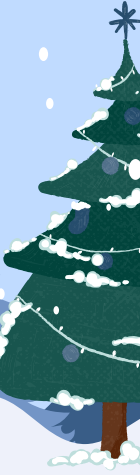
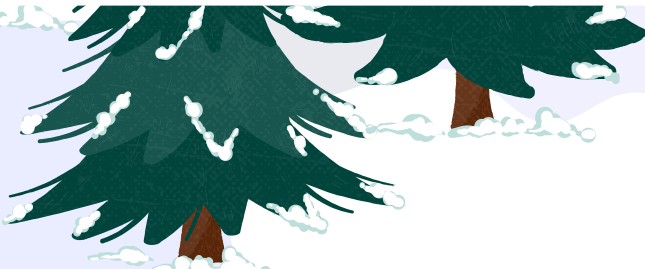


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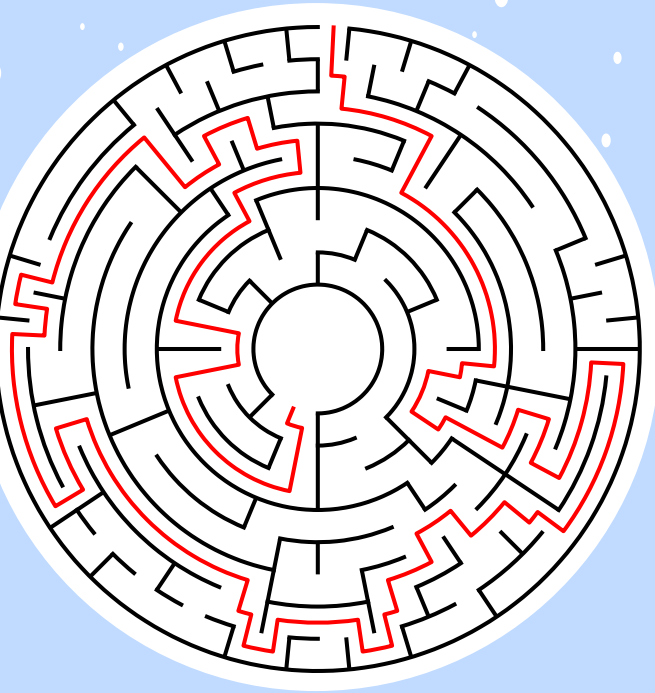
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