

## Progress Monitoring - Grade 5

### Maze Student Booklet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Boy Named Fridge

One summer I fractured several bones in my hand while playing a basketball game  
at a neighbourhood playground. Four against four, shirts versus skins. Not Red The game didn't  
count for anything. We did used were just playing for fun.  
My friends and just way I had been walking around aimlessly hearing looking standing around for  
something to do and his them we saw four other boys on the appearance classroom playground. The boys were  
running and jumping around early sharply and shooting baskets, and they looked entire strong united and fast.  
My friend Joe squinted in off up the hot sunlight looking at them create play reject and suddenly said,  
“Hey, let's ask or them why if they want a game.” I did made was nervous. I didn't like the idea all of to  
playing against kids I didn't know anything however somewhere about. I also wasn't sure how good much not I  
was at basketball. I hadn't had share will much practice for the last few camps months stairs. I thought my

Keep going



game wasn't as aged  
fond as it ought to be if all  
most were going to go around and announce  
good challenge  
produce

other boys to play us.

I got  
owed stuck guarding a boy with the elevator  
saw nickname Fridge. He kept backing me  
platform  
underneath and hoop. He wasn't much taller than it  
of me, but he was older, almost twice  
the she  
can weight, and solid. When he leapt by  
it for the ball, my left hand got jammed  
my in sealed  
waved  
between us. His bulk slammed into ball  
me, and I heard a sound like a  
you so pencil snapping.  
two  
My entire arm radiated them  
toe pain, which shot right to my head  
with idea, blinding me for a  
soup  
second, but cat  
I kept playing. Fridge pivoted, squared his concepts  
she cookies, and released a  
shoulders  
shot. But I danced  
jumped and swatted the ball away with her  
solved my right hand. My timing was  
our  
good, and  
real I got four fingers on the ball  
shoes dirt, which went flying out of bounds, catch  
news often  
right

Keep going



into the wooden benches, where it curled lifted smacked some poor lady in the face. His I Mum felt terrible. I didn't know if dad our she was somebody's sister or girlfriend, or customer's nature's somebody's mother or what. I never got a it our good look at her before the ball mitt shoe smacked her face, and afterwards she hit slept was bent over, wailing, covering her head even left with her hands. Then she disappeared entirely as my of people huddled around, trying to help.

I No Who knew it wasn't my fault, and it she why wasn't my ball, so I took cry dirt off running like I was being chased by for the the group, though I don't think anyone dogs stadium even noticed I was gone.

After my one we mother brought me to the emergency home room store I came home with a temporary ball cast desk . A week later I had to pause treat visit a bone doctor, an orthopaedic man,

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by she who examined my x-rays then put my ear hand shoes in a different cast. He told his me she I was extremely lucky it was his the win left not the right. I guess anyway because though I'm right-handed. But I didn't feel very lucky.



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## Lost and Found

George had just disembarked from the train at his home station. He rode the same

train every round single triple weekday. Usually, he rode his bicycle ahead home inside from the train station.

The bicycles broke lent were always parked on a long bike book chain rack outside the doors. But George's

bicycle did gave had been stolen just the day before. Mechanic Somebody Weather had cut through the lock.

So always today well he had to call his wife at or to come to the train station and drop pick ride him up. He

was depressed and encouraged frustrated projected.

As he made his phone call at too when a pay phone outside the station, George

handled locked noticed a puppy cavorting and sniffing along him the with side of the road. The puppy did had was

dark brown and mustard-coloured and had blind faint long, floppy ears. It was one of his none those

dogs one sees running around that doesn't hasn't isn't seem to belong to anybody and deals has likes no

Keep going 

collar. Though it looked well-fed along and with not mangy, George thought the puppy have might were

be a stray.

George's wife said next that what she was getting in the car now red sure to drive to the train station and where yet pick him up. He hung up any my the phone and watched as some of his not the other passengers from the train unlocked bicycles engines kitchens from a bicycle rack and rode just in off into the

gloaming.

Gradually, the footpath in the with front of the train station emptied from out under. There is a forlorn and sad feeling glass ground about suburban train stations at dusk every how when almost nobody is around. Alone on again my the dark street, George watched as the evening morning subway rush hour traffic whizzed by and her on the air chilled and dimmed.

Keep going



The puppy asked caught his attention again because it had examined meandered out into the  
gave  
 traffic and was darting grazing around in it as cars swerved and not honked their horns.  
meowing too  
 George pushed his leather smart bag around onto his back and crawled dashed out to the puppy,  
wooden fought  
 scooping him down here and saying, "Hey there."  
up  
 He carried her my puppy to the other side of the well immense, noisy street, placing  
the your  
 him on bad no ground and patting his head. The puppy rush gazed up at him with wide and such  
the truck this  
 alert eyes, smiling and wagging his kind long tail.  
new  
 George pointedly walked down the cabin street a little way and ducked around a he  
wall of  
 corner. The puppy followed him as for if it was his dog. He walked but in further,  
when on  
 glancing back occasionally to see all if the puppy was still following. Yes, he I was.  
now so

Keep going



The puppy pranced after him along  
under the footpath, raising his paws high enough  
when toward  
with

each step and wagging not just his  
my tail but his whole hindquarters.  
of

George sewed  
slipped that if the puppy kept following him  
thought me, he could take him  
not

home for every  
his night. Then tomorrow he could check around  
the between to see if the puppy had  
through

been  
gone reported lost or missing.  
said

Just then any  
each wife pulled up in their car, and  
his soon George opened the door. But  
yet

before he  
I had a chance to take a bath  
this game, the puppy leapt inside and made around  
seat himself  
whether

comfortable in the passenger seat.

“Hello, George,” pulled  
ran his wife. “Who’s your new friend?”  
said

“I think he’s what I was looking for,” said George.





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## Basketball

Most people have played the game of basketball at least once in their lives. Many

others play basketball whenever they get know play the opportunity. Some people play basketball

every many only single day, if they happen to break drive have access to a basketball court and friends judges periods

loving basketball. The only way to decide improve leave your skills in basketball is to donate enter play as

often as possible. It is an by with intensely athletic game involving a lot of up with physical agility,

balance, stamina, and mental readiness thickness weakness. People who are good at basketball are eat take

often justifiably proud of themselves. It cuts has is not just a matter of being alone tall wide. Rather,

it is a matter of frankness quickness sweetness, endurance, cleverness, and strategic thinking.

Basketball goes is runs played on a rectangular court by two flying opposing powdering teams, which

are ideally made up no of the five players each. There may be angry many sleepy more players than five

Keep going



on a basketball management rehearsal team, but only five are allowed for on to play at one time. There are grades lots none of rules to basketball, but the fast main red idea is to shoot a ball into than upper a hoop that is three metres high over yellow and connected to a backboard. There has is with a hoop at each end of as her the court, and the team with the first most worst points when playing time is up hops plays wins the game.

What you may not generate realise scatter is that the game of basketball left used was invented in the last century by a it my P.E. teacher named Dr. James Naismith. Dr. Naismith hated tasted wanted to give his P.E. class something from on to do inside whenever it was raining about outside under . So, he put a basket at each no when end of the gym. The baskets did gave were not have holes in the bottom, like soon when they do today, so they had and to will take the balls out of the baskets grounds machines at the end

Keep going





of the game. Any He I gave his class the basic rules a of up the newly invented game, and they dropped fought started playing.

Every time a student got he the us ball in the basket, they got a my no point. As they played more and fast more tall they came up with more rules and onto thus ideas. They put a hole in

here the we bottom of the basket, so they didn't hadn't wasn't have to keep taking the balls out under well . They

incorporated dribbling into the game. Bit Day Type by bit the game became more and so then more

interesting. The students who played homeward somewhere together and against each other in the gym mud pool on

rainy days liked how it drove forced made them feel. They liked the challenge not of with working

together as a team, and she they your liked the difficulty of making a bat cake shot from down the court.

They liked cheating learning running how to fake right and go inside left space , or fake left and go right.

Keep going



But  
 Nor  
 When

Dr. Naismith did not have a

gift  
 loser  
 name

for the game, so one day one

in  
 of  
 up

his

student players told him to

beat  
 name  
 record

the game “Naismith Ball.” Dr. Naismith

rated  
 said  
 walked

that would be an awkward name

both  
 for  
 in

the game. Then the student suggested that he call

it “Basketball”, and Dr. Naismith agreed with a smile.





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## Versions of a Folk Tale

“Little Red Riding Hood” is an old, old story. Versions of it have been told

**all**  
**ever**  
**very** around the world. For example, the Chinese **have**  
**ride**  
**speak** a popular tale called “Great  
Aunt Tiger” **such**  
**that**  
**what** has some strong similarities to the **animal**  
**trend**  
**version** that Europeans and  
Australians know.

In **any**  
**for**  
**the** Chinese story, a girl’s mother goes **dark**  
**last**  
**out** on an errand, telling her first  
**it**  
**job**  
**to** keep the door shut and not **lost**  
**only**  
**to** talk to strangers. Soon afterward, the **ear**  
**girl**  
**tiger**  
hears a voice asking to be **given**  
**let**  
**told** into the house. She asks who **it**  
**mum**  
**what** is, and the voice  
claims to **be**  
**eat**  
**hope** her aunt. But the girl says **most**  
**that**  
**who** the voice does not sound like **her**  
**me**  
**no**  
aunt at all. After the voice **asks**  
**cooks**  
**lets** a few more times, the girl **comfortably**  
**differently**  
**reluctantly** opens the  
door. A tiger walks **down**  
**into**  
**off** the house. Thinking fast, the girl **abandons**  
**donates**  
**pretends** to recognise the

Keep going



tiger as her **great right worse** aunt. She then uses her wits **out to who** escape from the house and

climb **next past up** a tree, even though the tiger **does goes has** tied a rope to her ankle.

**But Once Soon** the tale as most of us **know plan write** it originates in Europe. In an **aging alone early** French

folklore version of the story, Little Red Riding Hood **inspires performs suspects** that the wolf in bed

claiming **any so to** be her grandmother is not really **her me with** grandmother. She makes up an

excuse **by in to** go outside the hut. The wolf **bows cuts ties** a string to her ankle, just **as by of** in the

Chinese version, yet Little Red Riding Hood **gets owns stands** away into the forest.

The first **broadcast concerned published** version was written by a man **named teased yelled** Perrault. The red

hood in the **closet letter story** was his invention. The tale appeared **in the up** his book of nursery

rhymes and **fairy nest song** tales. The author wrote the book **down for too** the adult aristocrats of the

Keep going



royal book court dress. Folk tales and fairy tales were near very worst popular among the educated classes,

and all only the book went through eight printings in and his the author's lifetime.

Then about a hundred pasts tales years later, two brothers in Germany published a my to book

called Children's and Household Tales. All Some This book included a version of "Little Red

Riding Hood" heavenly honestly probably based on the earlier story. Despite its of she title, the new book

wasn't intended as for to children any more than the earlier book pen time had been. The two

brothers named Grimm fed spoke were collectors of folk tales. Their book did sent was meant for

scholars. Many of the cultures fonts stories were exceedingly violent and cruel. Later, any they you

published a gentler edition of the book paper shelf just for children.

The first author ended forgot sold his story with Little Red Riding Hood and by so her

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grandmother being eaten by the cloud  
teeth  
wolf. He followed the story with a guide  
moral  
tree like that of

“Great Aunt Tiger”: for  
that  
yet young children should be wary of heroes  
strangers  
writers. The two

brothers offered no moral, but  
soon  
the in both of their editions they added  
grew  
waved a happy ending.

In their version, a huntsman comes into the cottage to free Little Red Riding Hood and her

grandmother from the sleeping wolf’s stomach after they’ve been swallowed.







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## A Memory Palace

In ancient Greece, there were people who made speeches for a living. These people

were known as speechmakers **or such the** orators. In those days, orators did **any far not** use written

notes. They just had **for so to** remember all the facts, numbers, and **courts names sounds** they were going

to use in **a if no** given speech. To be a good **artist healer orator**, you had to have a good **dream house memory**.

Some orators discovered strong techniques for **allowing forgetting memorising** information. One of

the best of **mine these what** techniques was to build a memory **gold palace speech** for storing important facts,

numbers, names, **be or too** objects.

Here is how you do **as it off**. You imagine a big building, like **a by is** mansion or a

palace. In your **achievement examination imagination** you walk through all of the **papers rooms sinks** and you clearly picture

how everything **in per up** each room looks. Then you do **it not with** again, but this time you place

Keep going



about  
below  
inside

each room one thing you want

but  
no  
to

remember.

For example, in a study

her  
they  
you

might place on the desk a

many  
small  
young

piece of paper

on which you've

destroyed  
eaten  
written

a series of numbers. You rehearse

listing  
saying  
walking

through your

palace and looking at

but  
half  
the

items with the things you want

and  
my  
to

remember, including

the paper with its

flowers  
numbers  
paints

. Then during the moment in your

phone  
speech  
word

when you need

to recall the

colours  
numbers  
tunes

, you imagine walking into your memory

brain  
friend  
palace

, going to the

study, and looking

at  
down  
off

the note you left for yourself

due  
on  
to

the desk. You should then

be

able  
nice  
worth

to recite the numbers exactly as

hers  
such  
you

wrote them.

Sometimes it helps to

build  
remove  
stack

your memory palace out of rooms

that  
where  
you

have

lived in. Into each of

both  
these  
which

you place things that are familiar

and  
ever  
out

meaningful. For

Keep going



example, you might use her they your childhood bedroom. You could place the coast item sale you want to remember under your dream exam pillow or between the pages of your electric favourite missing book.

Then you could make the next plus with room in your palace a room across how where you have had a lot of fun meals rain at some point in your life. For Over What example, you could envision the lounge bed life room of a cabin by a lake much next where you used to go with your family garden trip on summer holiday. Clearly visualise each aspect letter smell of the room. Is there a carpet leak wave? Are there shelves for books? Is anyone either there a television or a radio? Are few ready there boxes of board games in a cupboard damage stove? Is there a fireplace and a flow pool stack of wood next to it?

By annoying building talking yourself a memory palace with many rooms sounds squares and a lot of clear detail, it us you can remember many things in a passive specific tropical order. As you go from room at so to

Keep going



room in your imagination, you see 

by  
the  
what

 numbers, objects, or letters you've left 

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sure  
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yourself, exactly like seeing a scene 

in  
the  
up

 a movie. This technique is thousands of years

old, and it has proven to be very effective.





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## Liam the Sea Creature

One morning, as he swam in the pool at his apartment building, Liam began imagining that he was a sea creature. He did not know what kind of sea creature he was, but he became covered thought maybe an idea would come to him they us if he just kept swimming around.

Fish He My knew that he couldn't be a stingray because neither he had no tail. He wasn't a if so fish, either, because he had no ears feet gills used for breathing by fish. Possibly all each he was a dugong, a sea lion, a few no seal, or a sea otter. What about behind toward a giant sea turtle that can feed live talk to be two hundred years old? At Or Till it could be that he was each many some sea creature that had not yet been had told discovered by science. The ocean is an bit enormous place, he thought. There could chilly easily softly be creatures in it that hadn't also any yet shown themselves to

Keep going



human beings.

He might be a kind of sea creature as it found  
used were that what ate oysters and lobsters  
crawling around on the ocean floor. Wearing his new swimming goggles and flippers,  
diving floating me out  
blew he swam to the bottom of the pool and off so peered around for something to eat. Both  
told Much There  
was nothing down there but a drain feeling that was not open and the hard mean quiet cement floor.  
He shut his eyes and into way imagined that it was the ocean floor stage wood instead and that there were  
red and that will orange starfish crawling around on the air sand title .  
Keeping his eyes shut, he now imagined promised wondered that he was swimming along coral reefs.  
All Ever Who around him were schools of brightly coloured handled sketched fish. He glimpsed a sand shark  
bouncing gliding through the dimness and swam away except from out it, only to find himself swarmed  
sing at by if a school of poisonous stinging jellyfish. Breathing Performing Writhing his body, he managed

Keep going



to avoid freezing  
smoothing any of them.  
touching

Next, he dodged a  
no huge electric eel that was slithering all  
out but the sand. A manta  
in

ray swam dimly  
hardly past him as he watched, keeping hatefully  
slowly perfectly still between the sun  
truthfully

beams that cooked  
delivered down from the surface. It was beautiful  
filtered delicate at the bottom of the  
handsome

sea, but  
down it was also dangerous sometimes.  
then

What else  
only might he find near the pool  
rather reef ? he asked himself. Maybe there was  
tube

an  
for old shipwreck, and broken casks full from  
much of gold coins that had spilled out  
to

after  
onto the sand, and he could pick by  
upper to a few of them as souvenirs.  
up

He  
That imagined that he was swimming past by  
Your the mouth of a deep ocean cave,  
will

and  
out a giant octopus hiding inside the cave  
when hill suddenly snatched at his ankle with  
leg

Keep going



its slimy tentacles. He struggled and shouted above the water, air bubbles  
 less next under  
 we  
 streaming up except from his open mouth. Finally, with great effort scales sight  
 into  
 himself free and more swam fast and hard for the group plane surface  
 the  
 excitement for one morning!



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## Types of Tears

“There are tears of sorrow and tears of joy,” said an English poet. Few people would

disagree with that prediction question statement. But many don’t realise that tears are leak swim in our eyes

all the time. And Then When not all of our tears are at more the same.

Human eyeballs are complex organs, some the which result of over 500 million years

of to with development. Our eyes are composed of both more rather than 2 million working parts.

Among all few those parts are small glands that produce three barrels eyes types of tears: basal,

reflex, and emotional.

Animal Basal Clear tears are always present. They keep for some the cornea, which is the front

part at from of the eye, constantly wet. Basal tears moisten produce scratch the eye and help to keep

each it some clear of dust. Each time we blink dream strain, our eyelids spread basal tears across

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each  
most  
the

surface of our eyes. That's one

eyelid  
idea  
reason

why it's important to blink when

her  
our  
some

eyes are busy with activity. Our

brains  
habits  
muscles

tend to forget to blink when

I've  
it's  
we're

a  
his  
it

focused on reading or looking at screen.

basal  
reflex  
shiny

Another type of tears are tears. These become active whenever our

eyes  
faces  
hands

are irritated from dust particles too

bright  
large  
small

to see, or from something else

in  
to  
under

the air, such as smoke or

noises  
pollen  
salt

. Often the vapours from perfumes, and

all  
on  
the

odours from some foods, such as

cereal  
onions  
pollen

, will irritate the eyes. Too much

bright  
cold  
night

light or warm, dry air is

enough  
ripe  
there

to get your reflex tears flowing.

One  
Each  
The

third type of tear is emotional.

Mine  
They  
We

are the tears most people know

best  
extra  
less

. They are activated by strong feelings.

Before  
Often  
When

something hurts, we tend to cry.

Keep going





Some The While more something hurts, the harder we grin sob yell . When emotions overwhelm us, we can't help live stop but cry. But crying and weeping are can will not just for negative emotions. Many eyes people tears cry when they are very happy, contained overwhelmed surrendered by joy, or laughing really hard.

Emotional Familiar Unrestrained tears contain more proteins than basal but or to reflex tears. In these extra proteins are find run stress hormones, which is why it's healthy tough unwise for our body to get rid for in of them. If stress hormone levels build few more too high, they can affect our mood and but for our body's immune system.

One thing anybody nobody protein needs to worry about is running from into out of tears. A pair of healthy eyes legs tears will make about 136 litres of rain sodas tears each year. But, as our bodies

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age  
cry  
jump

, basal tear production slows, and this

ever  
have  
may

lead to something called dry eye

blessing  
health  
syndrome

Strangely enough, if you have watery

eyes  
lips  
soup

, that also could be a symptom

at  
it  
of

dry eye syndrome. The increased watering

is  
on  
will

the eye's response to irritation. When

my  
those  
your

tear ducts don't produce enough tears

can  
in  
to

keep your eyes' surface moist, you

might  
still  
were

feel a slight burning or stinging.

Dry  
Tear  
Tired

eye syndrome is a fairly common

condition  
lifeforce  
something

. It affects millions of adults in

each  
her  
the

world. But it can be treated with eye

drops, which are basically human-made tears.





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## In the Woods

On a spring evening, we left our house, locked the door behind us, and went walking  
out past the big houses at the edge of the neighbourhood into the trails in the woods.

We wanted to stretch our legs, find  
get  
read some exercise, and breathe in that  
good  
long  
stale, fresh air between the trees. We raised  
tumbled  
wanted to look for wildflowers and see  
as  
if  
from the recent rainfall had brought any branches  
feathers  
mushrooms out on the dead logs.  
The bark  
leaves  
roots on the trees were just coming out  
true  
yet. They looked like little green  
nubs by  
close  
far up, but from afar they made a  
or  
to pale green haze over the landscape.  
Inside  
Over  
There were bright feathery green plants pushing me  
thin  
up from the ground through the  
dead leaves  
rocks  
walls left from the autumn. We saw trout lilies growing  
rolling  
talking at the base of some  
trees. Fire  
Sprout  
Trout lilies have wide, dappled deep green eyes  
grass  
leaves, a slender stalk, and

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blossoms that hang  
ring  
spill like a bell and look almost below  
like  
near an empty, opened banana peel.

There had  
sang  
were banks of trillium, their white, three-petaled bikes  
flowers  
rocks spangling the floor

of the woods by  
from  
like stars.

We were walking up the hill  
sky  
water, following a bend in the path fast  
now  
when we saw a

smaller trail, like a  
her  
to deer trail, branching off to the air  
hole  
side and leading to a funny

structure at  
in  
yet the trees. It looked like an animal's  
event's  
ocean's lodge or den. We weren't sure

he  
that  
what built it, but it looked like gone  
it  
they had been built with materials found hourly  
nearby  
quietly

and without the use of tools. A  
He  
It was like a leafy tent, with branches  
cement  
glasses, sticks, and

slabs of tree bark flying  
leaning  
sliding slanted against either side of a car  
leaf  
tree trunk growing nearly

parallel to the ground  
sand  
tile.

Keep going



We went closer to get a better look. I don't know if my brother was thinking what I was thinking, but some I wanted to go inside. From an outside, it appeared to be big enough to hold two children—an average-sized ten-year-old and for her skinny seven-year-old brother, for chance instance so segment.

But, one of us stepped on a twig that snapped, and suddenly a can head popped out of the hut.

It did not the face of a human adult or child, but it also didn't look like an animal we had seen before. We both saw it walk on four eyes legs sticks, but then it stood up on two. My Some brother and I agree it had bumpy fast shaggy, reddish-brown fur and long arms. I heard saw took large, wide cheeks and big front barks feet teeth. They showed between human-

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looking lips that lost  
sat  
were pulled back in displeasure. My brother coughs  
runs  
says he saw sparks  
 shooting from its eyes  
socks  
wraps .  
 We did not stay to find a  
out  
some more; we turned and ran. We flew  
ran  
swam until we got  
 back to the laboratory  
neighbourhood  
underground streets, and didn't look back. We walked home past the big  
 houses with our hearts thumping.







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## Glacier Mice

If you were to visit a glacier in Alaska or Iceland or Chile, the world around you would be mostly hard, white ice, stretching around you for kilometres and kilometres. If

you saw a bear, it can  
knew  
would be a white bear. If you left  
made  
saw a fox, it would be an arctic  
hungry  
tired fox, which are also pure white. A  
Few  
The snow falling on your clothes would be  
fold  
see white, too, if it happened to be  
earn  
stop snowing during your visit. You would have  
see  
touch so much white that you might get  
learn  
train a little tired of it after fox  
she  
you had been there for more than a  
for  
so few hours. But, if you were happy  
lucky  
true, you might also see a herd at  
of  
to green glacier mice.

Glacier mice aren't bears  
foxes  
mice at all. They are actually balls by  
of  
to moss formed around a bit of dust  
shade  
time or grit. Scientists call them "mice" because  
perhaps  
sometimes they do not stay

Keep going



in one **cycle**  
**life**  
**place** , growing on some kind of support **like**  
**out**  
**since** a rock or a branch, the **path**  
**trick**  
**way**

moss usually does. Large numbers of **rocks**  
**them**  
**us** sit on top of the ice **and**  
**from**  
**only** roll together as

a group. They **huddle**  
**move**  
**slide** at a rate of two centimetres **for**  
**per**  
**that** day. They all move at the

**fast**  
**nearby**  
**same** speed and in the same direction. **Leaves**  
**Mine**  
**They** are green all the way around.

**Aren't**  
**Can't**  
**That's** how we know they don't slide **as**  
**for**  
**on** the ice, but roll. All sides **lead**  
**spend**  
**treat** time in

the sun. The direction **from**  
**of**  
**that** their movement changes in a seemingly **choreographed**  
**independent**  
**unforgiving**

way, like the movements of a **crater**  
**flock**  
**pond** of birds or a herd of wildebeests. **No**  
**So**  
**That** one

knows why. It's not random, **but**  
**how**  
**just** it doesn't appear to be caused **by**  
**into**  
**with** the wind or the

sun or **my**  
**some**  
**the** slope of the ice. Scientists say **birds**  
**mice**  
**they** are baffled and hope that more

**ice**  
**leisure**  
**study** will reveal the secrets of the **angry**  
**blind**  
**glacial** mice.

Keep going



If you broke a glacier brain  
mouse open, you would find that it acts  
tin is made of many  
lies  
 species of moss all  
near matted together. And, if you put a  
than my piece of the glacier mouse  
or  
 under a  
to microscope, you would discover that animals and  
way not small to see with the  
too  
 naked eye  
room live inside it. It's not an animal  
smile event itself, but it is home to bright  
offer smooth  
tiny  
 animals. Scientists have found tardigrades (an eight-legged bridge  
creature sometimes called  
flower  
 a "water bear"), springtails ( an  
but insect-like creature), and nematodes (a kind of  
his that  
with  
 worm). The moss holds enough water and  
but stays warm enough for these microscopic  
only  
beasts  
hobbies to thrive.  
woods  
 It is unknown how best  
long a glacier mouse can roll around before  
wide outside coming apart  
toward  
 and breaking down. In 2009, animals  
children in Alaska tagged a group of field  
scientists glacier mice to  
space

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track their movements over

air  
time  
water

and learn more about them. For now, the scientists

believe that a glacier mouse can stay intact for at least six years, and possibly longer than

that.





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## The Blizzard

The morning the storm hit, it didn't have a name. Later, it would be called "The

Blizzard of 78" and be remembered as one of the worst snowstorms ever to strike New England. But on the morning it started, it grew just another light, fluffy snow. I made stuck on my way to school after a had her normal weekend. I knew the weather computer forecast splasher had predicted a mild snowstorm with between except interest seven and fifteen centimetres of snow. He It Lack wouldn't be enough to cancel school. And I She liked the snow, and I liked apples grass school. But I'll admit I'd awakened that morning notebook setting thinking how nice it would be and for to have a snow day off, so I slept took was sort of disappointed. As I approached away my old school, I tugged away my scarf and side under looked up so I could breathe down free in the clean cold air and feel just minus the snowflakes landing on my face.

Keep going



Two hours later, I was heading home, along from everybody else. The  
 letters mitts under with  
 school closed, and for he I got my wish for a snow level day year. Apparently, the forecast had  
 changed because great rain the storm had stalled over the area, and glow under snow was coming  
 down faster. On his my snow walk home, the flakes seemed much bigger faster hotter and I was glad I  
 had a her on scarf to cover my face.

The candy light snow wouldn't stop for 33 hours, falling as by in fast as ten centimetres an  
 hour. Heat Now The blizzard ended up dumping over sixty birds centimetres knees of snow and trapping  
 thousands of cars roads trees and trucks. The drivers couldn't go anywhere swimming washing, so they left their  
 cars and dolled flew away. Practically every road was buried or pot yet blocked, and the  
 highways were unusable. Noted Some Upside areas ended up with 140 centimetres, and but hot

Keep going



snowdrifts nearly three metres high! The rain  
sun  
wind downed a few power lines so many  
sly  
tall  
people had to live without any carpeting  
electricity  
neighbourhood for a while, including my mother and  
not  
yet  
me.

Luckily, we had a gas book  
couch  
stove and a good supply of canned goods  
heat  
notes in the  
cupboard. But what we didn't  
isn't  
weren't have was any bread. So, my club  
mother  
parrot made some,  
though not the way for  
I  
with thought all bread was made.

She ate  
mixed  
saw some ingredients in a bowl and cooked  
smelted  
thought pieces of flatbread in a  
cast-iron glove  
skillet  
tower. They looked like fat pancakes. She called  
licked  
watered them “bannocks”,  
which is basically an eager  
icy  
old Scottish name for bread made in a  
her  
on frying pan. They  
were flat but dusk  
runny  
thick, and a lot denser than any bread  
grass  
water I had ever tasted. We smeared

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cards  
snow  
them

with peanut butter and ate by

no  
the  
up

window, watching the snow pile up.

Block  
Except  
Warmly

for the wind rattling the windows,

his  
snow  
the

world seemed rather peaceful and

quiet.

Cold  
My  
That

mother told me about the bannocks

from  
that  
with

her father used to make when

before  
fuss  
she

was a little girl growing up

fast  
for  
in

the hills of Scotland. She said

bus  
his  
on

bannocks were twice as big, with

grit  
more  
quick

bite and much more flavour. He

always  
rudely  
verbally

used barley flour and fresh goat's

hero  
milk  
oat

, mixing everything in a big wooden

bowl  
glass  
stove

that she remembered as being big

enough  
isle  
with

to hide under. Then she laughed

a  
but  
in

little,

and her smile seemed to

freeze  
sleep  
weep

on her face for a minute.

Around  
Before  
Then

she sighed and

said, "My dad

knot  
sleep  
would

shape the dough into circles the

oven  
pie  
size

of pizzas. Then, he'd

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toss them 

inside  
onto  
out

 a big flat sandstone that sat 

directly  
further  
outside

 on the fire. Oh, how I loved

the smell, and that sizzling sound,” she said.



### Maze Adjusted Score

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