

Glade and I helped to store apples...

...potatoes and onions in the cellar.

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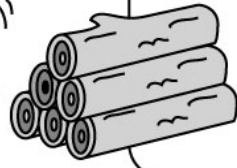
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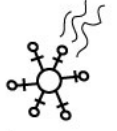
Ya, ya ya...I finished before Chatter!

Getting Ready for Winter

Winter will be here soon. Everyone is outside finishing tasks that need to be done to get ready for the long, dark, cold days. Some people are cleaning their yards. Others are emptying the leaves from the rain gutters on their homes. Some people like to store potatoes, carrots and onions for hot, delicious winter stews and soups. Coats and jackets are being pulled out of closets. Oh, that reminds me... I need to try on last year's boots to see if they still fit me.



Sigh! I hate being the first flake of the season...it's such a lonely job.

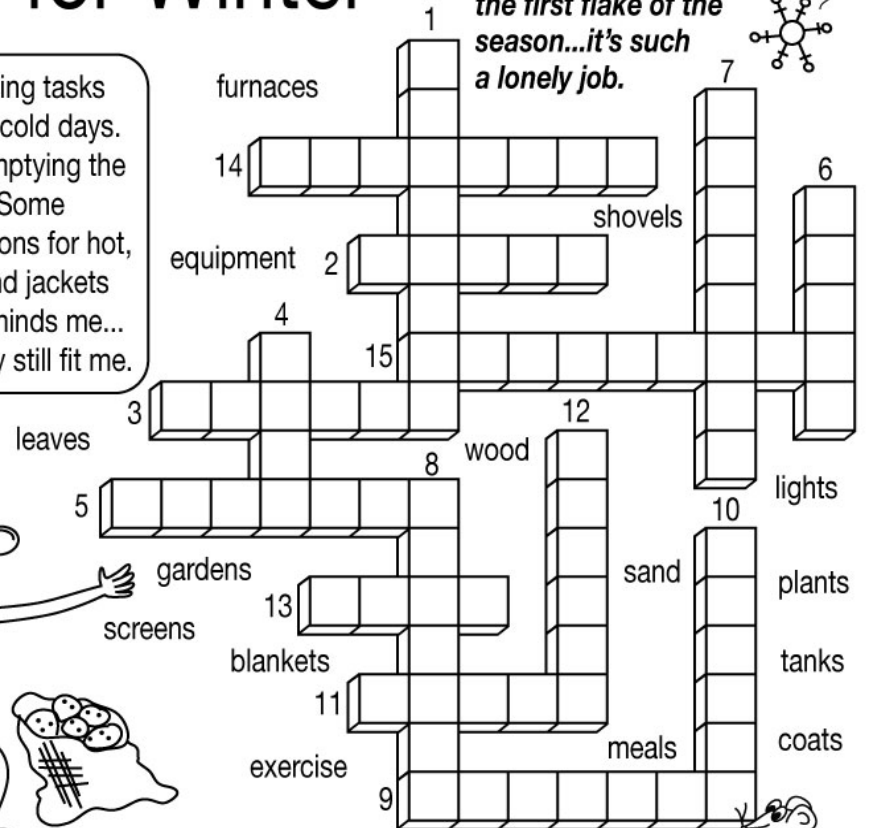
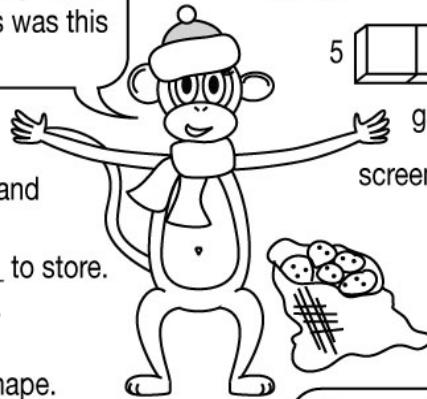


Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

Kids in my class reported that their families are:

- having _____ checked and tuned-up.
- getting their oil _____ filled.
- raking _____ and cleaning them out of the rain gutters.
- storing _____ and salt in buckets to spread on sidewalks and driveways to prevent icing.
- bringing in the last of the fruits and vegetables from _____ to store.
- digging out sweaters, _____, hats, mittens and scarves.
- putting heavier _____ and quilts on beds.
- making sure that _____ and snow blowers are in good shape.
- taking down _____ and putting up storm windows.
- bringing _____ and small trees into the house for the winter.
- cooking larger, hot _____ and more baked pies and cookies.
- turning on the _____ earlier and starting to turn up the heat.
- cutting and stacking _____ into piles.
- signing up for classes to _____ inside or to play indoor sports.
- checking over their skiing, skating and sledding _____.

Hey, **my** list of chores was this long!



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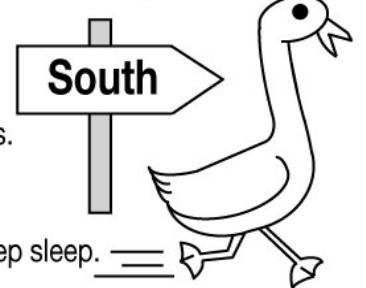
What Do Animals and Birds Do to Get Ready for Winter?

Match each animal in the first part of the sentence to the second part that tells what it does to get ready for winter.

- Snakes
- (some) Butterflies
- Weasels and Snowshoe Rabbits
- Red Fox
- Moose
- Bears
- (some) Sharks
- (some) Turtles

- grow new, thicker fur. Sometimes the new fur is whiter to help them hide in the snow.
- go to the bottom of lakes and ponds where the water is warmer.
- swim to warmer waters near Hawaii.
- eat to increase body weight since there is less food.
- changes its diet completely. In spring and summer it eats berries and insects, but in fall and winter it eats small rodents.
- gather together into a big ball underground for warmth.
- fly as far south as Mexico.
- eat lots of extra food before they go into hibernation or a deep sleep.

Whew! This sure is a long walk.



mmmphf...little busy here!



- (some) Frogs
- Squirrels
- Skunks
- (some) Bats
- Trees
- Alligators
- Robins
- Bobcats

I hide in mud.

- gather acorns so they have a large amount of food stored.
- stop growing to save energy. This helps them get through very cold temperatures.
- usually live in the deep south, but some that live farther north in North Carolina or Georgia stay in dens and slow their metabolism, making them less active so they need less food.
- turn from hunting only during the night to hunting during the day.
- usually travel south for the winter, but those that live in Canada come to the U.S., so you might not notice any change at all!
- hibernate in close clusters in their caves and holes; others fly to find a warmer place to live.
- start to take very long naps, but they do not actually hibernate.
- allow themselves to be fully frozen! Their bodies thaw in the spring and are completely fine!

Why do Animals and Birds Go South?

People who go to the warmer southern states for the winter are sometimes nicknamed "Snowbirds."

Animals and birds go south for the warmer weather too! Two more reasons animals and birds travel south during the season of deep cold and snow are for:

O = orange Y = yellow

