

Glade and I helped to store apples...

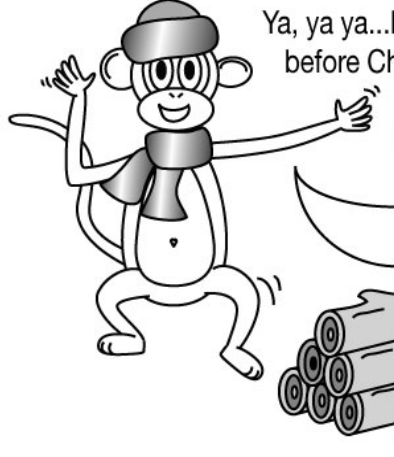


...potatoes and onions in the cellar.

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

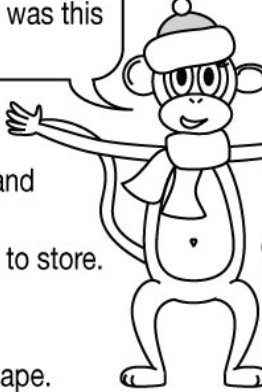
Winter will be here soon. Everyone is outside finishing tasks that need to be done to get ready for the long, dark, cold days. Some people are cleaning their yards. Others are emptying the leaves from the rain gutters on their homes. Some people like to store potatoes, carrots and onions for hot, delicious 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.

## Getting Ready for Winter

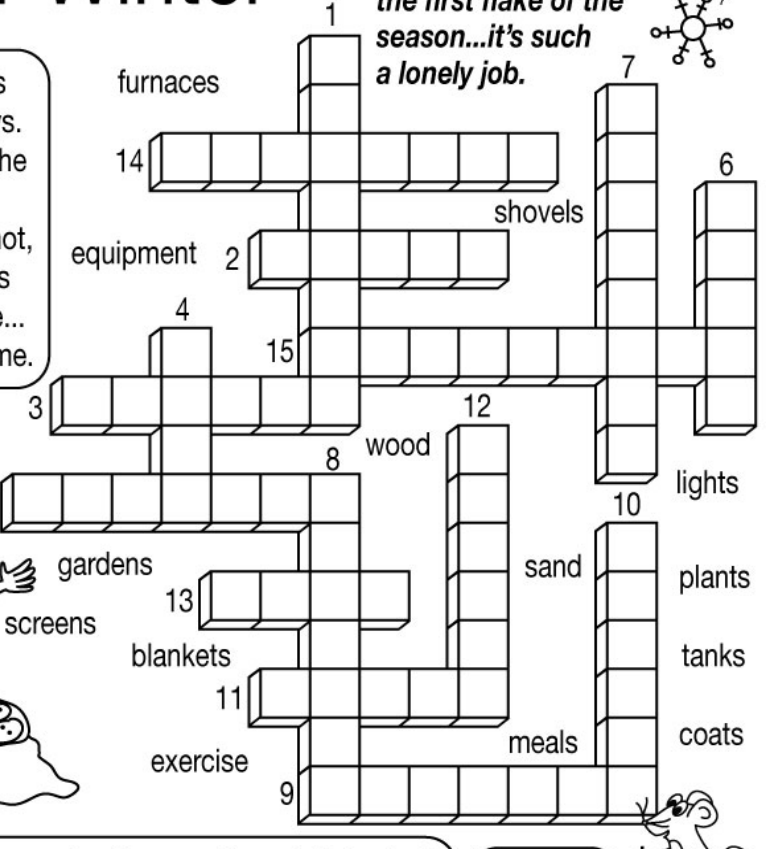
Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

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!



furnaces  
equipment  
leaves  
gardens  
screens  
blankets  
exercise  
wood  
sand  
meals  
shovels  
lights  
plants  
tanks  
coats

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

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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.

1. Snakes

2. (some) Butterflies

3. Weasels and Snowshoe Rabbits

4. Red Fox

5. Moose

6. Bears

7. (some) Sharks

8. (some) Turtles

1. (some) Frogs

2. Squirrels

3. Skunks

4. (some) Bats


5. Trees

6. Alligators


7. Robins

8. Bobcats

**mmmphf...little busy here!**



**I hide in mud.**



A. grow new, thicker fur. Sometimes the new fur is whiter to help them hide in the snow.

B. go to the bottom of lakes and ponds where the water is warmer.

C. swim to warmer waters near Hawaii.

D. eat to increase body weight since there is less food.

E. changes its diet completely. In spring and summer it eats berries and insects, but in fall and winter it eats small rodents.

F. gather together into a big ball underground for warmth.

G. fly as far south as Mexico.

H. eat lots of extra food before they go into hibernation or a deep sleep.

A. gather acorns so they have a large amount of food stored.

B. stop growing to save energy. This helps them get through very cold temperatures.

C. 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.

D. turn from hunting only during the night to hunting during the day.

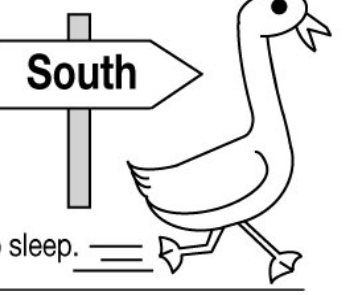
E. usually travel south for the winter, but those that live in Canada come to the U.S., so you might not notice any change at all!

F. hibernate in close clusters in their caves and holes; others fly to find a warmer place to live.

G. start to take very long naps, but they do not actually hibernate.

H. allow themselves to be fully frozen! Their bodies thaw in the spring and are completely fine!

**Whew! This sure is a long walk.**

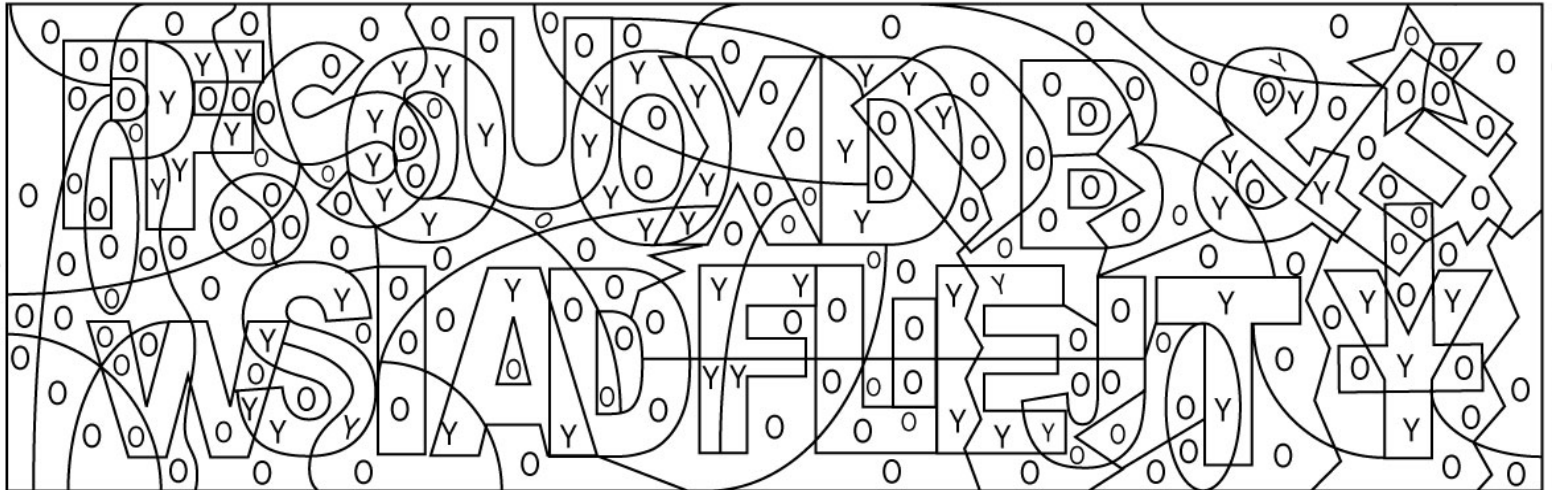


### Why do Animals and Birds Go South?

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**



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