



# WINTER

## Five Senses Scavenger Hunt

This is what winter is like where Danny lives.

What does winter smell, taste, sound, and look like where you live?  
Glue this into your journal and see if you can find each item this winter.



See	Hear	Smell	Taste	Feel
a snowman 	crunchy snow	pine trees 	snowflakes on your tongue	cozy blanket 
frosty breath	howling wind	smoke from a fireplace	an icicle	a scarf 
bare trees	birds 	peppermint	warm soup	frozen fingers and toes
animal tracks 	a snow blower	fresh air 	hot cocoa	a snowball
a frozen puddle	icicles dripping	cookies 	ice cream made of snow	fuzzy socks 

## Our Favorite Things - Candycane Word Ladder

**Gingerbread** baked into miniature houses,  
**Snowflakes** that fall on our sweaters and blouses,  
Peppermint **candycanes** that make us all sing,  
These are a few of our favorite things!

**Read** and follow the directions beside each white box to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word. **Write** the new word in the box. Start at the top with the word **candy** and work your way down the list to get to the word **cane**.

candy

**Start here.**

*Oh, how sweet it is!*



**Change the first letter to s.**

*This is what your feet look like after walking on the beach.*



**Take away a letter at the end.**

*What you use to build a sandcastle.*

**Change the first letter to h.**

*What you find at the end of your arm.*

**Change the first letter to b.**

*A group of musicians that plays music for people.*



**Take away the letter d at the end.**

*Something you are not allowed to do.*

**Change the first letter to f.**

*This moves the air to cool something down.*

**Change the first letter to p.**

*You use this to cook some bacon or fry an egg.*

**Change the first letter to c.**

*Soup and pop come in this type of container.*

**Add the letter e to the end.**

*Another word for a walking stick.*

cane

## Our Favorite Things - Gingerbread Word Ladder

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ginger

**Start here.**

*A super flavorful holiday spice.*



**Change the first letter to f.**

*There are five of these on each hand.*

**Change the first letter to r.**

*A person who rings a bell is called this.*

**Take away the er at the end.**

*A piece of pretty metal that you put on a finger.*



**Change the first letter to w.**

*Birds have two of these to help them fly.*

**Change the last letter to d.**

*This blows through your hair on a stormy day.*

**Change the first letter to b.**

*To fasten or secure pages together in a book.*

**Change the letter i to e in the middle.**

*What you do to move your elbow or knee.*

**Change the letter n to a in the middle.**

*A small object with a hole in it that you can put on a necklace or bracelet.*

bread

**Add the letter r after the letter b.**

*Add some peanut butter and jelly to this and you have a great sandwich.*

## Our Favorite Things - Snowflake Word Ladder

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snow

**Start here.**

*Frozen ice crystals that fall from the sky.*

**Take away the s at the beginning.**

*At the present time or moment.*

**Reverse the order of the letters.**

*When you come first in a race, you've done this.*

**Change the letter o to i.**

*Quitters never do this.*

**Change the first letter to p.**

*What you knock down with a bowling ball.*

**Add the letter e to the end.**

*This type of tree has needles and cones.*

**Change the letter i to a.**

*A section of glass in a window.*

**Change the first letter to l.**

*The area of the road where you drive your car.*

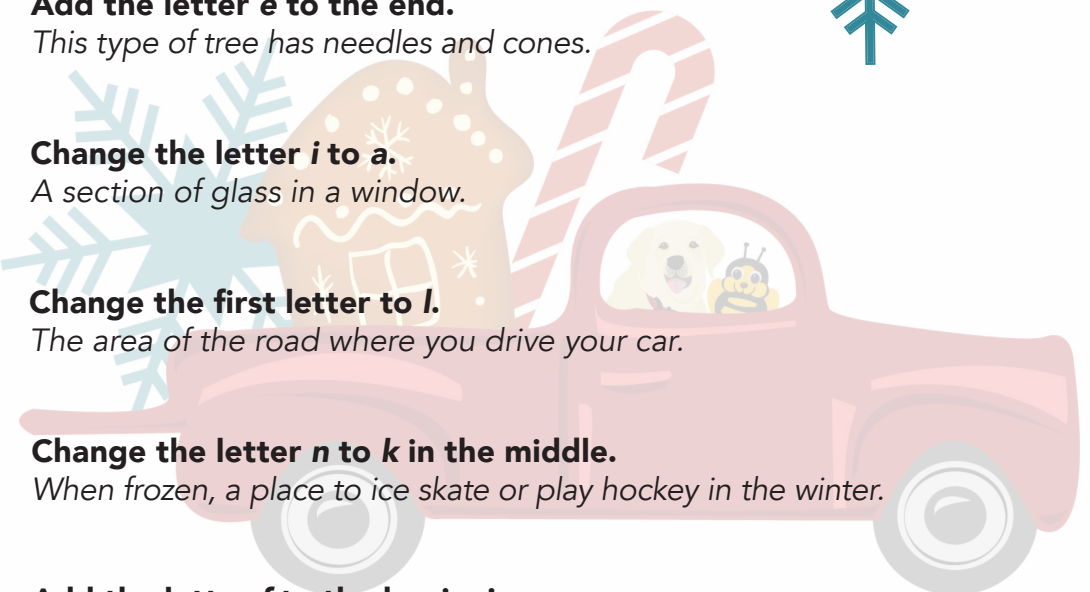
**Change the letter n to k in the middle.**

*When frozen, a place to ice skate or play hockey in the winter.*

flake

**Add the letter f to the beginning.**

*A small piece of something.*



# Danny and Norman's Snowman *Mixed-Up Sentence*

Level E / fiction

**Cut** along the dotted lines. **Place** each word in a paper or plastic bag. **Shake** the bag to mix up the words. **Take** the words out of the bag. **Put** the sentence in the correct order. **Read** the sentence.

"Look! Here

is a carrot for

the snowman's

nose," said

Danny.



## SWEATER Word Hunt

It's Sweater Weather!

How many words can you make out of the letters in SWEATER?

**Cut** out the letters at the bottom of the page. **Rearrange** the letters to make words, then **write** your list of words on the lines below.

Use the back of the page if you run out of room.

How many four-letter words did you make?

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s w e a t e r

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two-letter words	three-letter words	four-letter words	five-letter words	six-letter words	seven-letter word
ar	are	ares	aster	easter	
as	ars	arts	easer	eaters	
at	art	awes	eater	rawest	
re	ate	ears	erase	reseat	
ta	awe	ease	ester	rewets	
we	ear	east	ewers	seater	
	eat	eats	rates	teaser	
	era	eras	reast	waster	
	eta	etas	reest	waters	
	ewe	ewer	resat		
	rat	ewes	resaw		
	raw	rate	reset		
	sat	rats	resew		
	saw	raws	rewet		
	sea	rest	sawer		
	see	sate	setae		
	set	sear	sewer		
	sew	seat	stare		
	tar	seer	steer		
	taw	sera	straw		
	tea	sere	strew		
	tee	seta	swear		
	war	star	sweat		
	was	stew	sweet		
	wee	swat	tares		
	wet	tare	taser		
		tars	tears		
		tear	tease		
		teas	terse		
		tees	trees		
		tree	wares		
		tsar	warts		
		ware	waste		
		wars	water		
		wart	wears		
		wear	wrest		
		were			
		west			
		wets			

## Ugly Sweater Word Ladder

It's **Sweater Weather**! And this time of year, the uglier the sweater, the better. Start at the top with the word **ugly**. **Read** and follow the directions beside each white box to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word. **Write** the new word in the box. Work your way down the list to get to the word **sweater**.

ugly

**Start here.**

*Another word for unattractive.*

**Change the *ly* to *h* at the end.**

*The sound you make when you think something is horrible.*

**Switch the first and last letters.**

*When someone squeezes you tightly with their arms.*

**Change the *g* to *t* at the end.**

*A small, simple house or shelter.*

**Change the *u* to *o* in the middle.**

*The opposite of cold.*

**Change the *o* to *a* in the middle.**

*Something worn on the head.*

**Change the *h* to *e* at the beginning.**

*What you do at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.*

**Add an *s* at the beginning.**

*The place where you sit; a chair or a stool.*

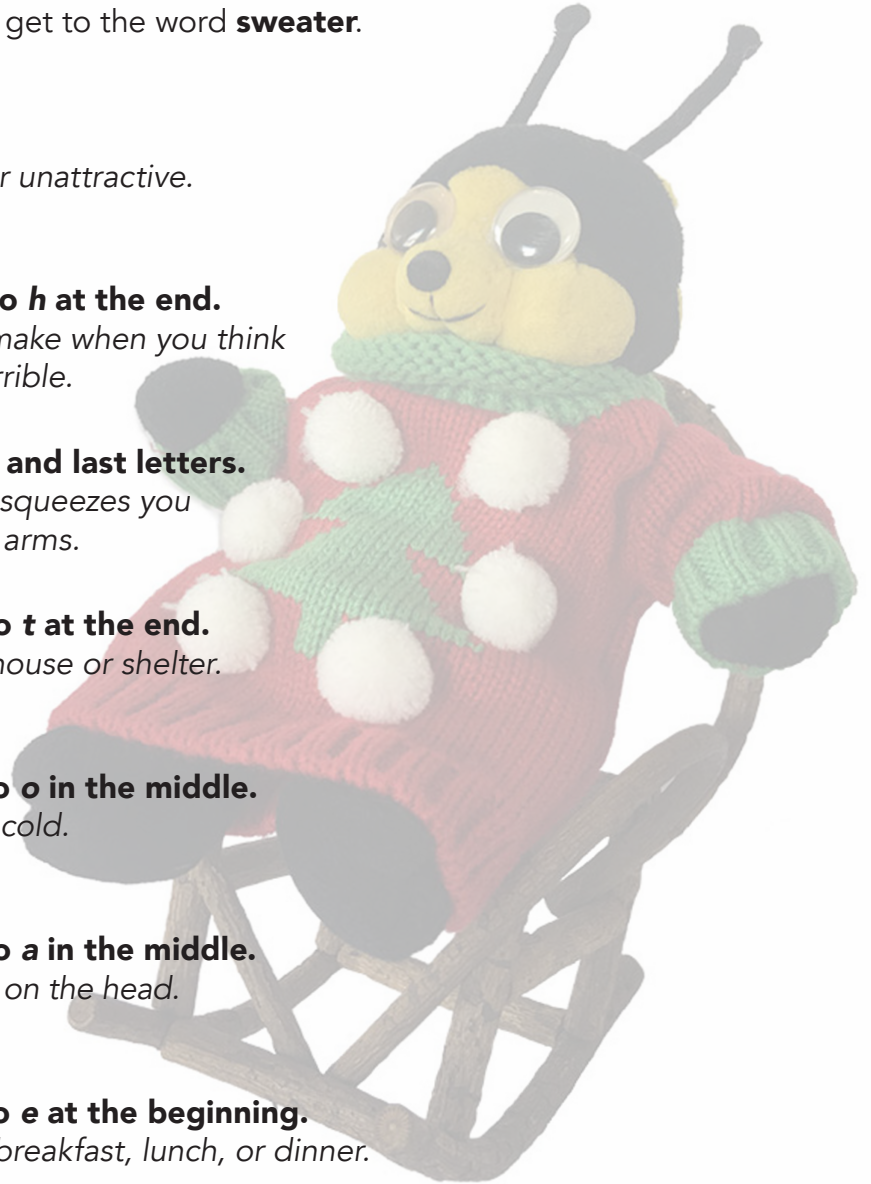
**Change the *s* to *sw* at the beginning.**

*What runs down your face when you are hot, when you have fever, or when you exercise.*

sweater

**Add an *er* at the end.**

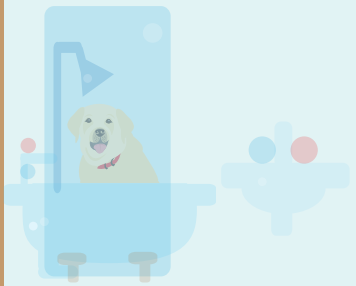
*A long-sleeved knitted piece of clothing that is worn on the upper part of the body.*





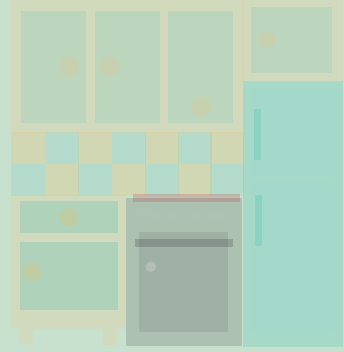
# Danny & Bee's INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- ☐ Something yucky
- ☐ A book with the letter **B** in the title
- ☐ Five lego blocks that are different
- ☐ Sunglasses

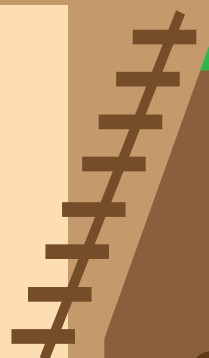
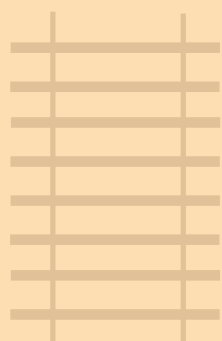


- ☐ Four things that are green
- ☐ Something very soft
- ☐ An empty toilet paper tube
- ☐ A photo of someone you love
- ☐ A piece of candy
- ☐ A band-aid

- ☐ A box of macaroni
- ☐ A book with numbers in it
- ☐ Something shaped like a star
- ☐ A toy that has three different colors
- ☐ Something round
- ☐ An item that starts with the letter **D**



- ☐ A pair of matching socks
- ☐ Something sparkly
- ☐ Your favorite stuffed animal
- ☐ A toy with wheels



How many of these items can you find in your house?



**bright sun on my face  
I put my sunglasses on  
ready for summer**

**snow white ice crystals  
coat the ground like a blanket  
where is the green grass**

# HAIKU POEM

**Haiku Poems** have 17 syllables and three lines. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. **Haiku Poems** must relate to nature or the seasons of the year. A **Senryu Poem** follows the same pattern as a **Haiku Poem**, but doesn't have to be about nature. Norman and Bee wrote two **Haiku Poems** about winter. Use the suggestions below to write a **Haiku** or **Senryu Poem** of your own.

1. Choose a topic and brainstorm ideas for your **Haiku Poem**. How could you describe your topic using your five senses? What are some things that are similar to or remind you of your topic? How does your topic make you feel? What colors describe your topic? Write words and/or draw pictures of your ideas.
2. Following the 5/7/5 syllable pattern, write your **Haiku Poem** on a piece of paper. Cut out your **Haiku Poem** and glue it into your Poetry Notebook.
3. What else can you do with your **Haiku Poem**?
  - Illustrate your poem.
  - Create a book or calendar of **Haiku Poems**.
  - Need help with inspiration?
    - » Take a walk outside or look out the window and observe what is happening in nature.
    - » Look at pictures. Danny's *Critical Thinking Conversation Cards* and *Danny + Friends Stickers* are helpful tools. You could also browse through magazines or photo albums for ideas.

- Share your poems with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at @MaryRuthBooks or by email to [admin@maryruthbooks.com](mailto:admin@maryruthbooks.com).

# Countdown to the NEW YEAR with Danny!

Start at the top with the word **new**. **Read** and follow the directions beside each white box to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word. **Write** the new word in the box. Work your way down the countdown to get to the word **year**.



10

new

**It's time to say goodbye to last year...**  
*Something discovered for the first time.*

9

**Change the e to o in the middle.**  
*At the present time or moment.*

8

**Change the n to sh at the beginning.**  
*Something presented on a screen or stage.*

7

**Change the w to p at the end.**  
*What you do when you want to buy groceries or toys.*

6

**Change the sh to p at the beginning.**  
*The sound a balloon makes when you poke it with a sharp object.*

5

**Change the op to ea at the end.**  
*A round, green vegetable that comes in a pod.*

4

**Change the p to s at the beginning.**  
*A large body of salt water.*

3

**Add the letter l at the end.**  
*A fish-eating mammal that lives in the water.*

2

**Change the s to d at the beginning.**  
*What you do when you pass out cards for a game.*

1

**Change the l to r at the end.**  
*The first word you write when writing a letter to Danny.*

0

year

**Change the first letter.**  
*This equals 365 days.*

## Make a NEW YEAR's Prediction and Resolution

A **prediction** is your best guess about something you think will happen.

What is one thing you think will happen this year? Why?

Write your answer and draw a picture of your prediction in the box below.



**This year, I predict I will...**

\* A **resolution** is a goal you set for yourself.

• It could be something you want to try, learn, or stop doing. What is one of your goals for this year? Write your answer and draw a picture of your resolution in the box below.

**This year, I resolve to...**