



# The Snowman's Holiday

## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Creativity, Family, Problem-Solving

**Book Brief:** A delightful story about two brothers who make a snowman friend and find a creative way to share the magic with their cousins in warm, sunny Australia!

**Author:**  
Storytime

**Illustrator:**  
Alena Tkach

## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

**The Pictures:** Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask, "Have you ever built a snowman? What happens to a snowman when it gets warm?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read, pay attention to the problem the brothers face and how they solve it."

## DURING READING

**Check for understanding & make connections:**

- What do the brothers make at the beginning of the story?
- Where do the brothers want to take their snowman?
- Why can't they bring the snowman to Australia?
- How do the brothers solve this problem?



**Think Aloud:** "I'm noticing that the brothers have a problem—they want to bring their snowman to Australia, but he'll melt in the warm weather! They solve this by bringing his magical materials instead and making a sandman at the beach. That's creative problem-solving!"

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** "What problem did the brothers face? How did they solve it in a creative way?"

**Extending Our Thinking:** Ask students, "If you could build a snowman or sandman, what special things would you use to decorate it?" Encourage students to draw two pictures side-by-side: one showing a snowman they would build in the winter with labeled decorations (like buttons, carrot nose, scarf), and one showing a sandman they would build at the beach with different materials (like shells, seaweed, sunglasses). Students can share both drawings and explain what materials they would use for each.

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