



Access English Centre  
Immigrant Centre Manitoba  
High Beginner Activity Plan  
*Winter Fun*  
90 minutes



**Objective/Goal:**

Gives the opportunity for participants to learn common winter vocabulary.

**Materials:**

- Winter flashcards  
(Total= 32 Attachment #1 with accompanying vocabulary list)
- magnets

Facilitator needs:

- magnetic whiteboard
- whiteboard markers

**Procedure: (Warm-up)**  
**15 minutes**

- 1) **Gather** the participants together.
- 2) **Write**: "Winter" on the whiteboard.
- 3) **Brainstorm** as many words associated with "Winter".
- 3) Optional: **Write** as many "Winter words" on the whiteboard.
- 4) **Introduce** 5-6 "Winter " vocabulary that the participants did not mention.  
Choose 5-6 Winter flashcards.
- 5) **Place** these flashcards on the whiteboard using the magnets.
- 6) **Instruct** the participants that they will play "charades".
- 7) **Explain** that each person will do actions or act out to show the "Winter" vocabulary. The participants will guess the word.
- 8) **Demonstrate**. The Facilitator acts out the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
- 9) Participants **act out** the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

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**Objective/Goal:**

Gives an opportunity for participants to work on their observation skills when viewing various winter scenes.

**Materials:**

Participants need:

- pencils (enough per group)
- Optional: Attachment #2  
(Extension Activity)

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard and whiteboard markers
- computer(with internet access)
- projector and screen on:
  - [http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#/?&\\_suid=13637245887890507428050223429](http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#/?&_suid=13637245887890507428050223429) or old calendar pictures of winter(enough for each group)
- Timer
- Attachment #2
- Attachment #3

**Procedure: (Work-out)**  
**60 minutes**

**PART A:**

1) **Have** the projector ready to display the website on the screen:

- [http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#/?&\\_suid=13637245887890507428050223429](http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#/?&_suid=13637245887890507428050223429) for demonstration

2) On the whiteboard, **write** simple sentences:

- **I see .....**
- **It looks like.....**

3) **Instruct** participants that they will work in small groups. A winter scene will be displayed on the screen.

4) Each small group will **view** the winter scene and work together to **describe** as many winter words that they see in the picture.

5) One person is the “writer or scribe” and will **write** down his/her small groups’ ideas.

6) **Demonstrate. Write** winter vocabulary on the whiteboard.



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Ex. white  
snow  
icicles  
etc.

7) For each picture, **give** the participants 10 minutes to discuss. Use timer.

8) Each small group will **share** their findings.

9) Move onto the next picture. **Give** another 10 minutes.

10) **Share** again with the whole group.

11) Last picture-**give** another 10 minutes.

12) **Share** the results.

**PART B(25 minutes):**

13) **Gather** all the participants together. Have them facing the screen.

14) **Instruct** the participants to listen to a story that you will be reading aloud to them. The participants will provide the missing words.

15) **Read** each sentence slowly and clearly and ask the participants to guess Winter vocabulary that would complete the sentence/story.

16) **Display** story on the screen.

17) Later **fill-in** the missing words or display Attachment #3.

18) **Share** results with the whole group.

**Extension Activity:**

- A. For **Part B activity**, an alternative activity, keep the same small groups and **give** Attachment #2 to each small group. **Give** them 15 minutes to work together. Afterwards, **share** results. **Display** Attachment #3 to review the answers.



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For research, please visit the following websites:

-Choose beforehand appropriate pictures:

- [http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#./?&\\_suid=13637245887890507428050223429](http://www.bigfoto.com/themes/nature/winter/#./?&_suid=13637245887890507428050223429)
- <http://freebigpictures.com/winter-pictur216es/>



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Objective/Goal:

Give participants a fun opportunity to review Winter vocabulary.

Materials:

Participants need:  
- none

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard and whiteboard markers
- computer(with internet access)
- projector
- screen
- Attachment #4 or Attachment #5

Procedure:(Cool – down)  
15 minutes

- 1) **Have** the projector set-up on the following website and display on the screen:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ\\_ggA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ_ggA)
  - 2) **Have** the participants sit facing the whiteboard.
  - 3) **Instruct** the participants to listen to the song first.(1 st time)
  - 4) The second time, **encourage** the participants to sing along (2 nd time).
  - 5) **Sing** it 1 more time, you can **point** to the words(3 rd time).
  - 6) This time **ask** the participants what are the “Winter words” in the song?
  - 7) One final time(4<sup>th</sup> time), **play** the song again but this time, the participants will **clap** their hands when they hear a “Winter” vocabulary word.
- If there is time, try the other song by Ronan Keating. Winter nature scenes are featured in this Youtube clip along with lyrics.

Extension Activity:

Notes: Both songs were chosen due to their slow tempo and easy vocabulary. (easy to clap and find words)



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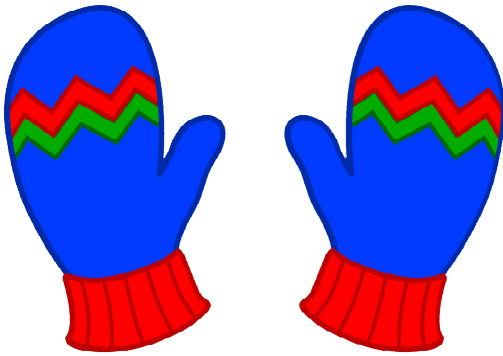
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ\\_ggA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ_ggA)  
3:52  
Thomas the Train cartoon with winter background  
Lyrics included
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lo7zE—brSO>  
4:20  
Ronan Keating: Winter Song  
Nice Winter scenes of nature with accompanying lyrics

\*If there is difficulty in finding the songs , type in the name of the song on Youtube instead of the web address.

Ex.Type: "The Snow Song" featured in Thomas the Tank Engine by Mike O'Donnell and Junior Campbell or "Winter Song" by Ronan Keating.

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## ATTACHMENT #1: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN



mittens



tuque or hat



parka or jacket



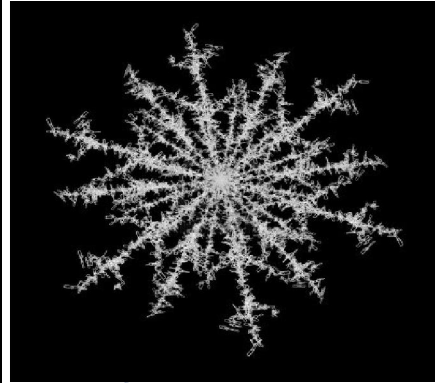
ear muffs



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**winter road**



**snowflakes**



**tobogganing**



**icicles**



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**ice skating**



**hockey**



**skiing**



**shoveling**

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**black ice**



**snow angels**



**Festival du Voyageur**

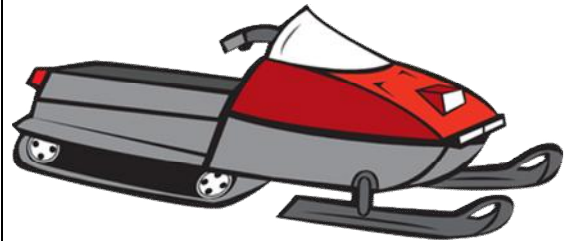


**gloves**

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winter boots



snowmobile



toboggan or sled



coat

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**scarf**



**ice fishing**



**snow bank**



**snowshoes**



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**cold**



**frostbite**

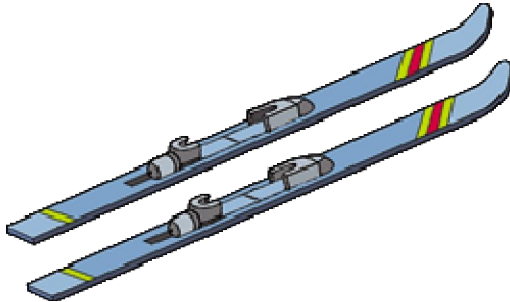


**curling**



**snowballs**

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**skiis**



**snow**



**snowman**



**blizzard**



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**ATTACHMENT #1 CONT'D- Accompanying Vocabulary List: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN**

**WINTER VOCABULARY LIST**

- 1. mittens**
- 2. tuque or hat**
- 3. parka or jacket**
- 4. ear muffs**
- 5. winter road**
- 6. snowflakes**
- 7. tobogganing**
- 8. icicles**
- 9. ice skating**
- 10. hockey**
- 11. skiing**
- 12. shoveling**
- 13. black ice**
- 14. snow angels**
- 15. Festival du Voyageur**
- 16. gloves**
- 17. winter boots**
- 18. snowmobile**
- 19. toboggan or sled**
- 20. coat**
- 21. scarf**
- 22. ice fishing**
- 23. snow bank**
- 24. snowshoes**
- 25. cold**
- 26. frostbite**
- 27. curling**
- 28. snowballs**
- 29. skis**
- 30. snowman**
- 31. blizzard**





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## ATTACHMENT #2: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN

\*Winter Fill-in -the Blank Story

One winter day, I went for a walk in the woods. The \_\_\_\_\_ was very deep. I walked with the help of \_\_\_\_\_. I felt very \_\_\_\_\_ and chilly even though I wore a red \_\_\_\_\_ and winter boots. I rubbed my \_\_\_\_\_ together. My fingertips felt a bit cold. I did not want to get \_\_\_\_\_. Not far from me, a couple were in the woods, too. They zipped by on \_\_\_\_\_. They glided easily on the packed snow. Across from the couple, I heard laughter coming from a group of small children. They were throwing \_\_\_\_\_ at each other.

Then \_\_\_\_\_ began falling gently from the sky. They looked very pretty with their interesting 6-sided shapes. One landed on my eyelashes. The cold North wind started blowing my bright, yellow \_\_\_\_\_. My \_\_\_\_\_ almost blew off my head.



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### ATTACHMENT #3: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN

\*Winter Fill-in -the Blank Story Answers

One winter day, I went for a walk in the woods. The \_\_\_**snow**\_\_\_ was very deep. I walked with the help of \_\_\_**snowshoes**\_\_\_. I felt very \_\_\_**cold**\_\_\_ and chilly even though I wore a red \_\_\_**parka**\_\_\_ and winter boots. I rubbed my \_\_\_**mittens**\_\_\_ together. My fingertips felt a bit cold. I did not want to get \_\_\_**frostbite**\_\_\_. Not far from me, a couple were in the woods, too. They zipped by on \_\_\_**skis**\_\_\_. They glided easily on the packed snow. Across from the couple, I heard laughter coming from a group of small children. They were throwing \_\_\_**snowballs**\_\_\_ at each other.

Then \_\_\_**snowflakes**\_\_\_ began falling gently from the sky. They looked very pretty with their interesting 6-sided shapes. One landed on my eyelashes. The cold North wind started blowing my bright, yellow \_\_\_**scarf**\_\_\_. My \_\_\_**tuque or hat**\_\_\_ almost blew off my head.



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**ATTACHMENT #4: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN**

Song #1: "The Snow Song" featured in Thomas the Tank Engine by Mike O'Donnell and Junior Campbell

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ\\_ggA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFqkfJ_ggA) 3:52

**You wake to the silence the bright afterglow**

**Now there's a surprise for what do you know**

**It's snowing**

**Look, it's snowing**

**Little Jack Frost has been busy last night**

**The Island of Sodor is a blanket of white**

**'Cause it's snowing**

**Yes, it's snowing**

**Winter winter wonderland**

**Beautiful day**

**Snow, snow, snow, snow**

**Snow, snow, snow, snow**

**There in the valley someone you'll know**

**The little blue train finds his way to the snow**

**Whistle blowing**

**Yes, it's snowing**

**White winter wonderland**

**Beautiful day**

**Snow, snow, snow, snow**

**Wow wonderland**

**Beautiful day**

**Snow, snow, snow, snow**

**Snow, snow, snow, snow**

**Stay, stay, and please stay**



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**ATTACHMENT #5: WINTER FUN ACTIVITY PLAN**

Song #2: "Winter Song" by Ronan Keating

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?I=Io7zE--brSO> 4:20

This is my winter song to you  
The storm is coming soon  
It rolls in from the sea  
My voice : a beacon in the night  
My winds will be your light to carry you to me  
**Is love alive 2X**  
Is love

They say that things just cannot grow beneath the winter snow, or so I have been told  
They say we're buried far just like a distant star  
I simply cannot hold.

**Is love alive 3X**

This is my winter song.  
December never felt so long  
'cause you're not where you belong inside my arms.

I still believe in summer days.  
The seasons always change  
and life will find a way.

I'll be your harvester of light  
and send it out tonight  
so we can start again.

**Is love alive? 3X**

This is my winter song.  
December never felt so long  
'cause you're not where you belong inside my arms.

This is my winter song to you.  
The storm is coming soon  
it rolls in from the sea

My love: a beacon in the night.  
My words will be your light to carry you to me.

Is love alive?.....(repeat....)