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# A Snowy Spring

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**D**aisy stood at the back door and stared at the white snow covering the ground. It was March, yet it felt like December. This winter had seemed longer than usual.

“Shouldn't spring be here by now?” Daisy said with a sigh. “I want to take

..... a walk, play on the swings, swim in the pool...” Daisy sighed again, thinking of all the fun things she was missing out on because the ground was snow-covered.

..... “Hey,” her older brother David said. “Why don't you play in the snow?”

..... Daisy shook her head. “I can't possibly

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build another snowman or sled down the hill in the backyard one more time."

"Suit yourself," David said, opening the door and stepping outside.

Daisy went to her room and flopped on her bed. She stared up at her ceiling, which was painted to look like the sky with big, puffy, white clouds. She closed her eyes and imagined it was spring.

Soon Daisy drifted off to sleep. She woke forty minutes later to David



snow, looked different. The swings were set up, a path was cleared through



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David tugged on her arm, dragging Daisy out of bed.

"What are you talking about?" Daisy asked.

"Just come on." David pulled Daisy to the back door.

Daisy frowned. The snow was still everywhere. "I'm going back to my room," she said.

"Oh no you're not." David tossed her a jacket and pushed her out the door.

The backyard, while still white with

swim. It's only thirty degrees out here."

"You can swim in a snow pool," David said, walking over to the large circle and lying down. He started making snow angels. "It's sort of like swimming, and I set up the floating basketball hoop." He shrugged. "It doesn't float, but so what? We can walk along the path I shoveled and even go on the swings. What do you say, Daisy?"

Daisy smiled, happy she had such a great big brother. "I say spring never looked so good."

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1. In what month does this story take place?
  - a. April
  - b. December
  - c. March
  - d. February
2. Which of these activities did Daisy *not* say she wanted to do?
  - a. jump rope
  - b. play on the swings
  - c. walk
  - d. swim in the pool



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4. Explain how the backyard appeared different to Daisy.

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5. How did David try to make Daisy's wishes for spring come true?

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.

1. \_\_\_\_ sigh

a. made less wide



4. \_\_\_\_ ragged

b. pulling someone or something more slowly, or hard to move

5. \_\_\_\_ narrowed

e. fell down onto a surface

6. \_\_\_\_ dragging

f. to take in and let out a long, loud breath

7. \_\_\_\_ frowned

g. moved slowly and easily into something

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she had hoped to do in the springtime right there in their snow-covered backyard. He cleared a path so she could walk and set up the swings so she could swing on them. He knew she wouldn't be able to swim, so he drew a large circle next to the pool to make snow angels in and set up the floating basketball net to play with.

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