Sitting at the window, I watch the falling snow.
Fluttering, swirling, gusting, in a blinding white glow.

I hurry to put on my boots, gloves, coat, and hat.
Eager to be outside and make snowballs that go *splat*.

My brother follows my example and gets ready too.
With snow on the ground there’s so much we can do!

We work hard on his big white head that has no brain.
We search for black coal to make his dark eyes.
What expression will he have? We’ll make it a surprise!

A carrot for a nose and two long arms made of wood.
We add a mouth to his face; he’s beginning to look good.

We find some mittens, a scarf, and a hat for his clothes.
Stepping back we laugh at his silly expression and his pose.

Time passes quickly and the cold temperature gets colder.
Back in the house, I shrug my heavy coat off my shoulder.

Warm cocoa with marshmallows, dry clothes, and hot soup,
Leads to full tummies and warm comfort for tired snow troops.
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   a. outside in the backyard  
   b. outside in the front yard  
   c. outside in the park  
   d. inside

2. Name the items of clothing that are used to dress the snowman.

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3. Line 10 of the poem says:
   Breaths puff out in steamy clouds as we laugh and run.
   What does this sentence mean?
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4. Line 20 of the poem says:
   Stepping back we laugh at his silly expression and his pose.
   Which is the best definition for the underlined word?
   a. way of standing  
   b. goofy mouth  
   c. mean look  
   d. way of moving

5. What happens to the temperature later in the day?
   a. it rises  
   b. it falls  
   c. it stays the same  
   d. it snows

6. How is the beginning of the poem similar to the end of the poem?
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Match each vocabulary word from the poem “Snow Troops” to its definition.

1. _____ swirling
   a. surprise

2. _____ blinding
   b. energy to do something: work

5. _____ effort
   e. making it impossible for someone to see

6. _____ expression
   f. nice

7. _____ coal
   g. showing of feelings on someone’s face

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   h. soft, spongy, sugary treats

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The children can see their breath. When they exhale, the warm air inside their bodies makes a cloud in the cold, outside air.

Both the beginning and the ending of the poem take place indoors.
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