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# Snow Troops

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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!



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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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1. Where do the first three stanzas of the poem take place?
  - 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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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



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5. \_\_\_\_\_ effort

e. making it impossible for someone to see

6. \_\_\_\_\_ expression

f. nice

7. \_\_\_\_\_ coal

g. showing of feelings on someone's face

8. \_\_\_\_\_ carrot

h. soft, spongy, sugary treats

9. \_\_\_\_\_ marshmallows

i. black substance found underground

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6. How is the beginning of the poem similar to the end of the poem?

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

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