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# Winter

Winter is the best season of the year. During the winter months, temperatures are usually colder and there are fewer hours of daylight. The winter months in North America are December, January, February, and March.

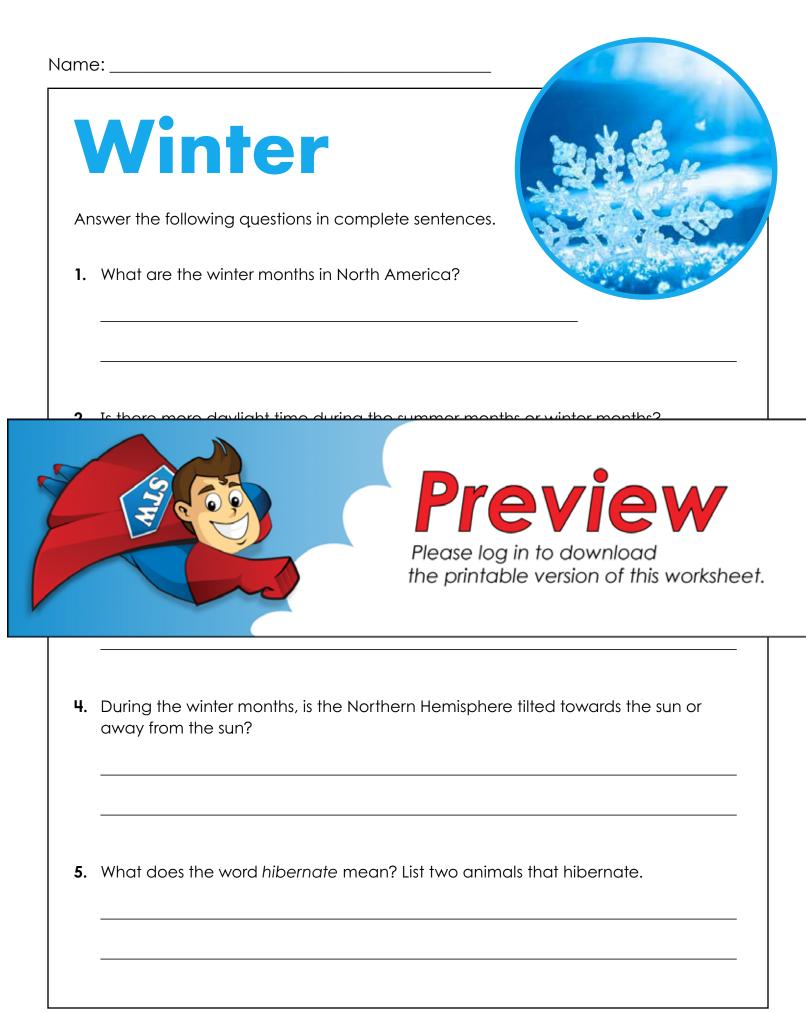
Cold winter temperatures are caused by the tilting of the Earth. When Earth's Northern Hemisphere is tilted away from the sun, there are fewer hours of daylight and the temperature is colder. When the Northern Hemisphere tilts towards the sun, there is more daylight time and the temperatures are warmer. The tilting of the



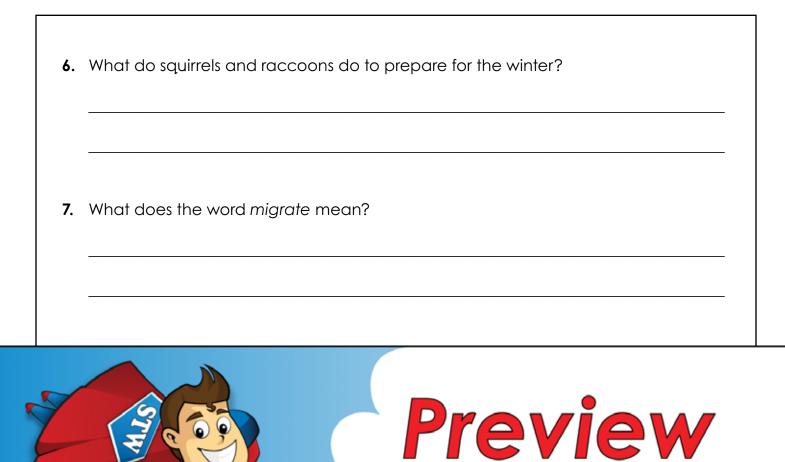
People who live in these places can enjoy special winter activities like skiing, sledding, or snowboarding. They can also build snowmen and snow castles. When the water in lakes and ponds freeze, people can ice skate or play ice hockey. Some people even cut a hole in the ice and go ice fishing!



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**10.** Write a short paragraph describing some things you like to do in the winter.

### **ANSWER KEY**





Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

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Hibernate means to sleep through the winter. Bears, gophers,

snakes, and bats hibernate.

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#### **ANSWER KEY**

6. What do squirrels and raccoons do to prepare for the winter?

Squirrels and raccoons gather extra food in the fall so they

have enough to eat during the winter.

