

What's included?

10 reading passages

winter MORPHOLOGY VOCABULARY
Name: _____ Date: _____

The Longest Night

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Mara pulled her cloak tighter as she walked toward the village square. The air was **frigid**, sharp enough to sting her cheeks with every breath. Tonight marked the **solstice**, the longest night of the year, when darkness ruled longer than light. For generations, the villagers had gathered to honour this turning point, believing it symbolised **renewal**, not just cold and shadow.

Torches flickered as people arrived, their flames **glimmering** against the snow. At the centre of the square stood an ancient stone pillar, its surface carved with faded **symbols** from a time long past. Mara traced the markings with her glove, imagining the hands that had shaped them centuries earlier.

A sudden **gust** of wind swept through the square, lifting snow into the air like swirling ash. The chatter from the villages halted. An elder stepped forward and spoke of endurance. His words reminded the people that winter was a season to test patience, strength, and hope. Though the world seemed **barren**, life rested beneath the frozen ground, waiting.

As the fire was lit, warmth spread outward. The retreating shadows danced across the ground. Mara felt a sense of calm settle over her. Winter was harsh and **relentless**, but it was also temporary. Beyond the cold night, light would return, and with it, the promise of change.

Fluency tracker

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Comprehension activities

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Answer the comprehension questions based on the story:

Question	Answer
What changes in the environment show that winter has fully arrived?	
Why is the solstice important to the villagers?	
What do the carved symbols on the stone pillar represent?	
How does the elder describe the purpose of winter?	
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Match the word to its meaning. Use the story to find context clues.

Word	Meaning
frigid	A strong burst of wind
solstice	Extremely cold
barren	The longest or shortest day of the year
gust	Empty or unable to produce life
renewal	The act of becoming new again

Word list

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twilight	twi- + light	half-light	Old English
frost	frost	frozen moisture	Old English
silence	sil- + -ence	stillness	Latin
ice	ice	frozen water	Old English
frigid	frigid	cold	Latin
solstice	sol- + -stice	sun standing still	Latin
renewal	re- + new + -al	make new again	Middle English / Latin
glimmering	glim- + -er + -ing	faint light	Old Norse
symbols	sym- + bol	sign	Greek
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barren	barr-	empty land	Old French / Latin
relentless	re- + lent + -less	without stopping	Latin



Why you'll love it!

- ✓ Fiction & non-fiction reading passages
- ✓ Engaging morphology reading material
- ✓ Fluency passages for older students
- ✓ Unique way to explore etymology

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Snowbound

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layers	layer	thickness	Middle English
dense	dense	thick	Latin
shelter	shel-ter	protection	Old English
motionless	motion + -less	without movement	Latin
symmetry	sym- + metry	balanced shape	Greek
obscured	ob- + scur	hidden	Latin
buried	bury	cover	Old English
dormant	dorm	sleeping	Latin
weight	weight	heaviness	Old English
sealed	seal	closed	Old French / Latin

Passage Titles

- The Longest Night
- Snowbound
- The Frozen River
- Tracks in the Snow
- The Quiet Field
- Lanterns in the Dark
- The Mountain Pass
- Winter Birds
- The Sleeping Garden
- When the Ice Breaks



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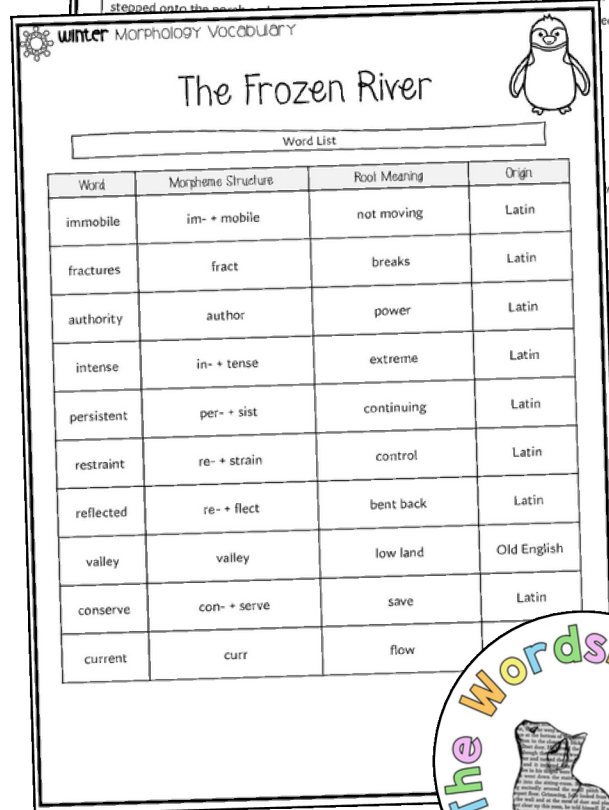
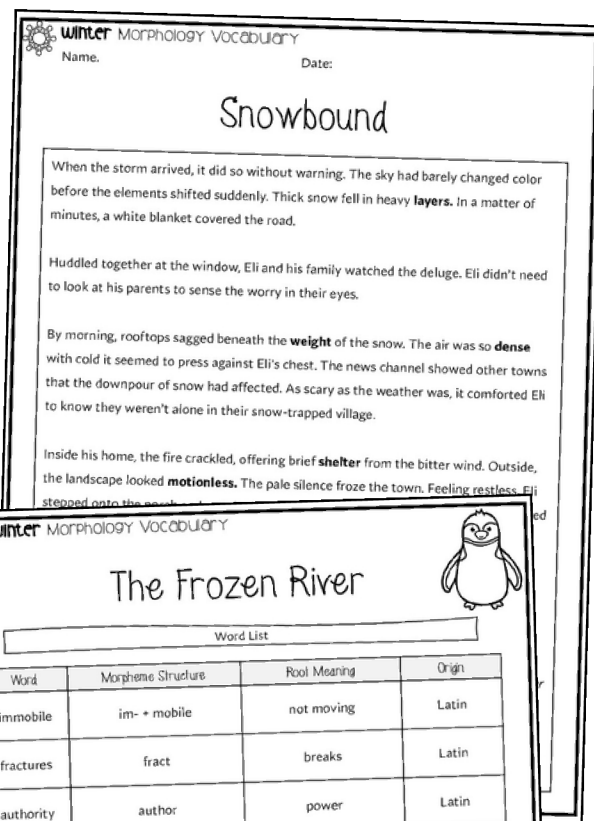
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✓ Small group reading task

✓ Morphology notebook printable

✓ Homework task

✓ Early finisher activity



Teach morphology!

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Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.

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