

# The Snow Monster



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Otto took his ice skates and went to find out. He had to know. A cold wind blew around him. His hands felt like ice. The ice caves were very tall. Otto went into the cave. He found it was empty. He thought the Snow Monster was a story after all.

Otto put on his ice skates. He skated onto the lake. A large head peeped out of the cave. Otto saw the fur and held his hand out. The Snow Monster skated onto the ice. The Snow Monster was happy to have a friend.



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  - ice skates
  - ice cubes
  
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Otto took his bag and his ice skates and headed towards the ice caves. He had to know. A chill went through him from the cold wind. His hands and face felt frozen to the touch.

The ice caves were very tall with crisp snow lying at the top. The blue walls turned darker as Otto walked into the cave. He followed a trail of giant footprints in the fluffy snow.



"Hello?" Otto called out. Shadows hid behind a large rock at the back of the cave. Otto looked towards the darkness but saw nothing. He turned around. The Snow Monster was just a story after all.

Otto put on his ice skates and went out on the frozen lake. He enjoyed ice skating because it brought him happiness. The shadows in the cave heard him skating. A large head looked out. Otto saw the fur and smiled as he held his hand out. Large feet skated onto the ice. The Snow Monster and Otto smiled as they skated together. The Snow Monster was happy to finally have a friend.



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- snowy lakes

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**Award 1 mark** either:

- happiness
- enjoyed

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**frozen**

5. What did Otto take with him to the ice caves?

**Otto took his bag and ice skates to the ice caves.**

# The Snow Monster



Long ago, something was living in the ice caves. That is what the village below believed. Otto and his parents had heard the tales of the scary Snow Monster many times. His parents thought they were true but Otto was not so sure. He thought if there were a creature there, then they would be very lonely.

One day, Otto took his bag and his ice skates and began to climb the slippery slopes towards the ice caves. He had to know for sure if the stories were true. The bitter breeze brushed his face and a chill gnawed at his hands.



The ice caves were a towering sight to see and there were tall ice columns of brilliant blues with crisp snow lying on top. The blue got darker and deeper as Otto entered the cave. Large footprints were dotted around on the fluffy ground. Something did indeed live here.

"Hello?" Otto called out. Nothing but the echo of his voice called back. Then, a scurry of shadows jumped behind a large rock near the back of the cave. Otto looked harder towards the darkness. There was nothing once again. Otto turned around feeling hopeless. The Snow Monster was perhaps just a story after all.



# The Snow Monster



A large frozen lake was outside of the cave. Otto decided to put on his ice skates and have some fun. He skated round and round. Otto enjoyed ice skating because it brought him happiness.

The shadow at the back of the cave heard Otto skating. Slowly, it tiptoed towards the entrance. A large, white, fluffy head peered out at the lake. Otto saw the fur and smiled. He reached out a hand as an invitation to join him. Large feet carefully walked towards the ice. The Snow Monster skated towards Otto and took his hand. Together, they danced around the lake while grinning widely. The Snow Monster was grateful to finally have a friend.



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 slippery  
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**believed**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Otto will tell the village the truth about the Snow Monster living in the caves and that he is nice and friendly.**