

Snowflake Bentley

Mentor Sentence & Mentor Text Activities

Grades
1-2



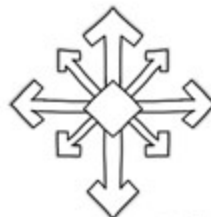
Day 1 - Time to Notice: Show the sentence after you have read the book. What do the students notice? Talk about whatever they share - could be words they recognize, capital letter, period, compound word, etc. Some ideas of questions you might ask are: What are the nouns in the sentence? Are they singular or plural? Where are the snowflakes falling? What punctuation does it have at the end? What kind of letter starts the beginning of the sentence? Read the sentence several times together, pointing at each word. Have students complete the cut and paste activity to put the sentence back together.

Day 2 - Time to Notice Grammar: Focus on prepositions. Make an anchor chart with a "Farm scene" (house, barn, animals, fence, wheelbarrow, etc.). Use the snowflakes on the next page to demonstrate how to describe the POSITION in relation to the items in the scene, put one between the animals, above the house, over the fence, through the barn, in the wheelbarrow, etc., and label each position. Help students complete the flap activity- students should write the preposition under each flap that describes the snowflake, so you may want to write them on the chart as well.

Day 3 & 4 - Time to Imitate: Use the sentence frame and fill in the blanks with a preposition that describes where a snowflake can fall. (Sentence Frame Possibility: He watched snowflakes fall beside the cat.) Give students the Imitation Page and allow them to rewrite the sentence using their own words (could be from the diagram you made together or their own) and then illustrate the sentence.

Day 5 - Quiz

He watched
snowflakes fall on
his mittens.



~Snowflake Bentley

Name: _____

Cut out the words.

Glue them in order.



watched on mittens. He
snowflakes fall his

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Name: _____

Trace the words and finish the sentence.

He watched the snowflakes

Name: _____

He watched the snowflakes fall _____ if your sentence.

Answer Key

accept reasonable answers

Tell where the snowflake is using prepositions.



by/next to

the horse

behind/over

the fence

Name: _____

Editing Assessment

he watched the snowflakes

fall on he mittens.

Circle the 2 mistakes in the sentence. Rewrite the sentence correctly:

He watched the snowflakes

fall on his mittens.

Finish the sentences with prepositions. accept reasonable answers

Snowflake Bentley was born on a farm.

rough the snowstorms.

next to the fire.

He breathed on the tray or

could melt.

His pictures were published in magazines.

Where Did
Snowflakes Fall?



Class

Year



under/or

the microscope



prepositions

Snowflake Bentley
By Jacqueline Briggs Martin



Mentor Sentence Focus: Standard L.1 (prepositions)

Reading Lesson Ideas

R.1 Students can ask questions about Wilson Bentley and find answers in the book.

R.2 Students identify the main idea of the book and recall key supporting details.

R.5, R.7 Students use text features to understand more about Wilson Bentley (side bar and pictures).

R.6 Determine the author's purpose- why Martin wrote this book?

R.8 Students give reasons to support a point.

Writing Lesson Ideas

W.3 Students write about a time they never

How are they like Wilson Bentley in this way?

Name: _____

Possible Answers

Snowflake Bentley

Ask questions before, during, and after reading or listening to the book.

Question Before: Where was Wilson Bentley born?

Was your question answered?

YES

NO

Answer: He was born in Vermont in the "snowbelt" where there is a lot of snow.

Name: _____

Possible Answers

Snowflake Bentley

Find reasons the author gives to support this point.

Wilson Bentley never gave up.

1. For three winters he tried drawing snow crystals. They always melted before he could finish.

2. His first pictures were failures, just shadows. Mistake by mistake, snowflake by snowflake, he worked through every storm.

3. He waited for hours for just the right crystal and didn't notice the cold.

Name: _____

Snowflake Bentley

Wilson Bentley never gave up. Tell about a time you never gave up.
