

FAMILY BOOK CONNECTIONS

BOOK BRIDGES



Ten Ways to Hear Snow

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Summary of the Story

What does snow sound like? Though snow itself may not make much sound at all, if we pay close enough attention, we can find ways to hear that there is snow. That is exactly what Lina does in *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* which is the story of an Arab-American girl named Lina who learns to hear the world around her in unique ways on her walk to her grandmother's house on a very special day. The book is a creative and heart-warming story that encourages readers to take new perspectives, practice mindfulness, and find wonder in the world around us.

Read Alouds



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About the Author and Illustrator

This book was written by Cathy Camper who is Arab-American author, librarian, and artist. She currently lives in Portland, Oregon, and she has won many awards for her writing.

Kenard Pak illustrated the book and besides illustration, is highly involved in writing his own children's book and animating for movies like Trolls, Madagascar 3, and Peabody & Sherman.

Learn More



[Cathy Camper](#)



[Kenard Pak](#)



Questions to Ask Before, During, and After Reading

Talking about a story before, during, and after reading helps children think deeply, connect to the characters, and build a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.



Before Reading

- What do you think it means to hear snow?
- What do you think some ways to hear snow could be?



During Reading

- When Lina steps out of her house, the book says, "She could barely see. I wonder if this is how Sitti feels, Lina thought. The world sounded softer, but the noises she heard were clearer." What does she mean by this?



After Reading

- What did Lina mean when she said the sounds she heard were ways to hear snow?
- How could you use your other senses (smell, taste, touch) in creative ways to know if it's a snowy day?

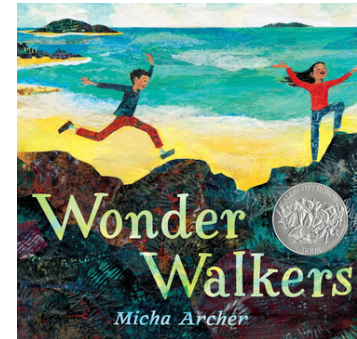
Extending the Book with Additional Reading

Continue exploring careful observation, sound, culture, and new ways of experiencing the world with these companion books.



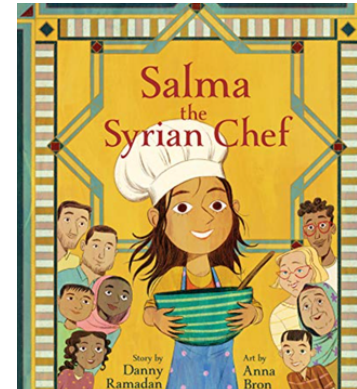
Talk About These Questions

- How do these books help characters notice the world around them?
- What role do family or culture play in each story?
- How do these stories encourage readers to think in a new way?



Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer

A story that invites readers to notice small wonders and look at the world in imaginative new ways.



Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan

A story that highlights family, food, and culture while celebrating an Arab family's traditions.



More Books to Explore

Other books connected to sound, observation, and perspective:

- • **What Sound Is Morning?**
by Grant Snider
- • **The Sound of Silence**
by Katrina Goldsaito



Extending the Book with Writing

Have your child create a list inspired by Lina's careful listening. Choose another kind of weather or season. Then listen closely and make a new list of ten ways to hear it.

Try These Steps

1. Choose a season or kind of weather.
2. Go outside or listen near a window.
3. Notice sounds connected to it.
4. Write or draw ten ways to hear it.
5. Give your list a title.



Ideas

- Ten Ways to Hear Rain
- Ten Ways to Hear Wind
- Ten Ways to Hear Autumn
- Ten Ways to Hear Sunshine

If possible, choose weather you can observe today.

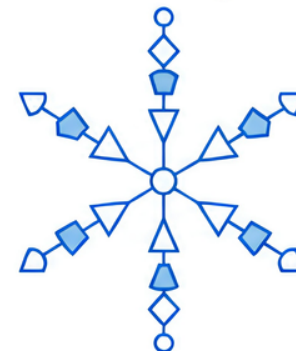


Extending the Book with Math

Snowflakes show six-sided symmetry. Design a symmetrical snowflake using geometric shapes.

Design a Snowflake

1. Draw three straight lines that cross in the center.
2. Add shapes to one arm.
3. Repeat the same shapes on all six arms.
4. Check that both sides of each arm match.
5. Sign and date your snowflake.



Try These Shapes



circle



triangle



square



rectangle



hexagon

Display your snowflake at home when you are finished.



Extending the Book with Science

Learn about the amazing science of snowflakes and then make a snowflake fact card!

How Snowflakes Form

Snowflakes start in the clouds and grow into unique, six-sided crystals.

1. How they begin



Water vapor freezes around a tiny particle in a cold cloud.

2. Why six sides?



Frozen water molecules join in a six-sided structure.

3. Why are they different?



Temperature and moisture affect how each crystal grows, creating millions of different patterns.



Think About It

- What did you learn about how snowflakes form?
- How can weather conditions change their shapes?

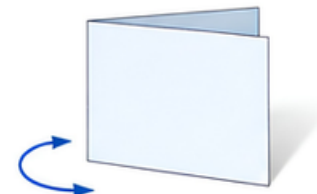


Activity: Snowflake Fact Card

Make a card to share a cool fact about snowflakes!

1

Fold a sheet of paper in half to make a card.



2

Draw a six-sided snowflake on the front of the card.



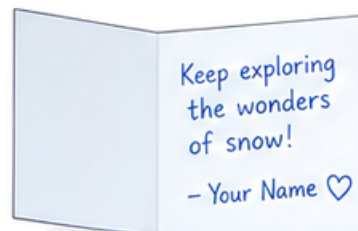
3

Write one snowflake fact on the inside.



4

Sign your name and share your card with a friend or family member.





Extending the Book with Social Studies

Learn about family, culture, and food traditions that bring people together.

A Family Food Tradition

In the story, Lina and her Sitti make warak enab together. This dish is special in many families.



1

Talk about the dish.

What is warak enab? Why is it important to Lina's family?



2

Choose a special food.

Think of a meal that is meaningful in your family or culture.



3

Learn more.

Ask who usually prepares it and when it is served.



4

Look at the ingredients.

List some important ingredients in this dish.



5

Share a memory.

What is a special memory connected to this food?



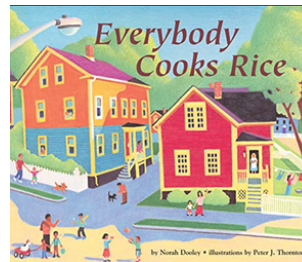
Talk About It

- What foods does your family make together?
- Who taught your family how to prepare them?
- Why can food be an important part of culture and family?



Optional: Compare and Connect

After reading or watching Everybody Cooks Rice:



- What ingredients or cooking traditions are shared?
- What is different?



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Learn More About Warak Enab

Read about the history, cultural significance, and find a recipe to try!



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Food connects us to our past, our families, and one another. Share. Learn. Celebrate.





Extending the Book with Art

Listen closely and let sounds inspire your art, just like Lina uses her ears to imagine the world.



1

Choose a sound.

Pick a recording from a website, create your own sounds, or listen to a video without watching it.



2

Listen carefully.

Close your eyes if you like. Listen without looking at a screen.



3

Draw what you imagine.

Use shapes, lines, and colors to show what the sounds make you think of.



4

Add hidden details.

What might be in the scene that you can't hear? Add those details, too!



Find a sound to inspire you!

You can search for soundscapes online or use a quiet place, a busy place, or nature.



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Talk About It

- Which sounds shaped your picture the most?
- What did you imagine that you couldn't hear directly?
- How did the sounds make you feel?



Every sound can spark a story, a place, or a feeling. There is **no right or wrong way** to draw what you hear!



Give your artwork a title, write your name, and add the date!

