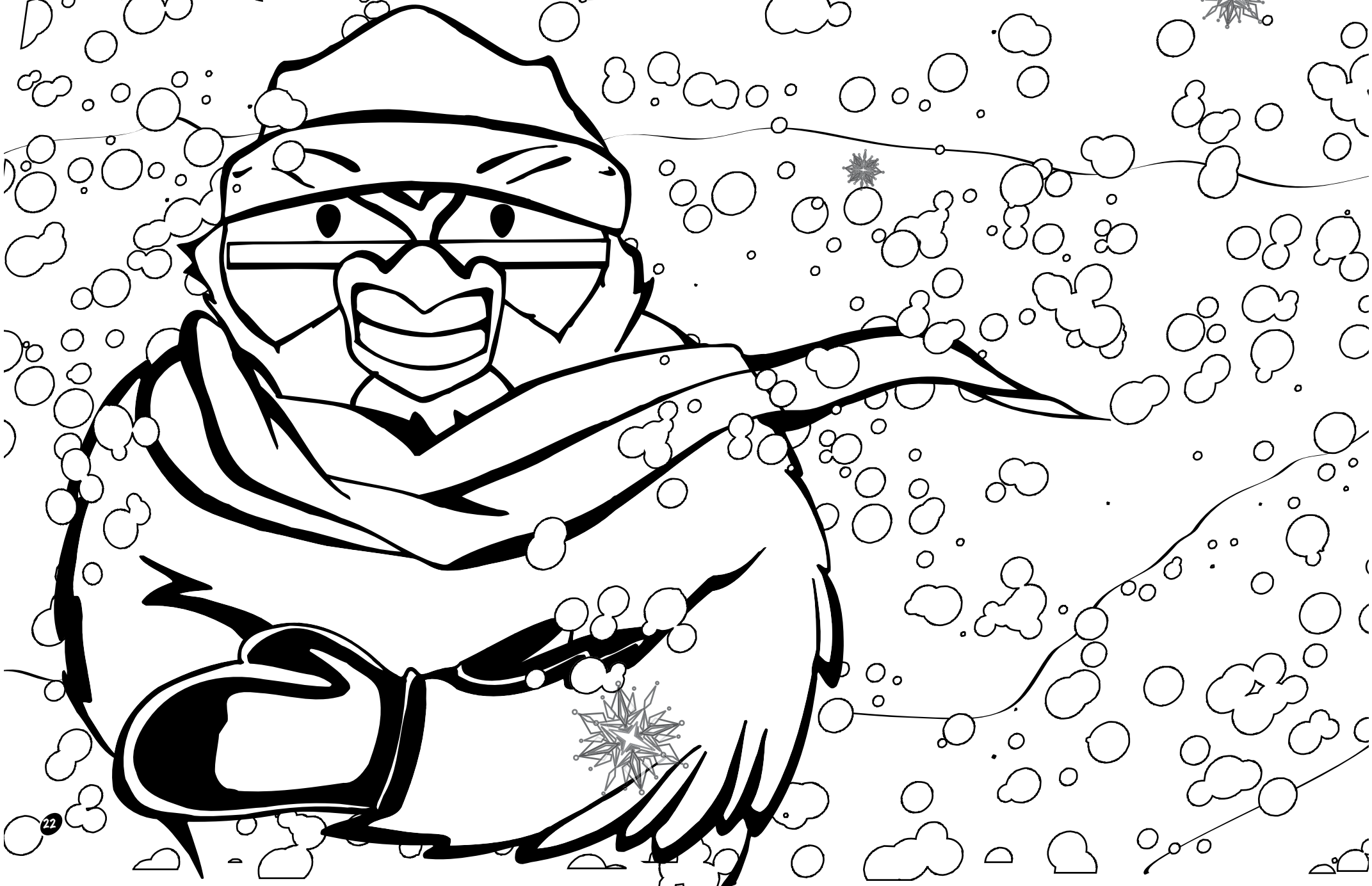
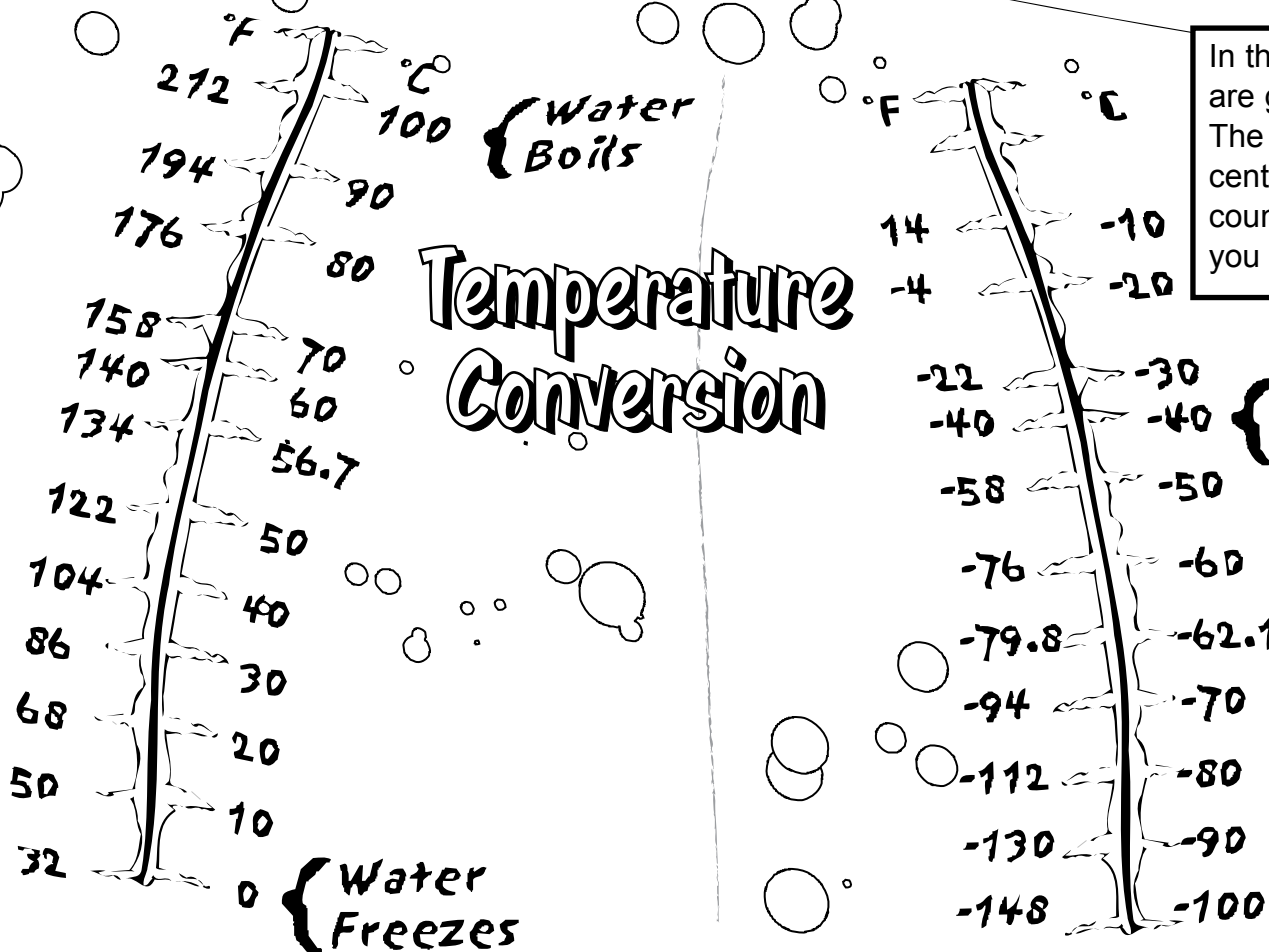


Winter Storms



Did You Know?

- The lowest temperature in the United States was -79.8°F (-62.1°C) at Prospect Creek Camp in the Endicott Mountains of northern Alaska on January 23, 1971.
- Outside from Alaska, the coldest U.S. temperature was -69.7°F (56.5°C) in Rogers Pass, Montana, January 20, 1954.
- One storm, from February 13-19, 1959, dumped 189 inches of snow at Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl, California.
- The greatest snowfall in 24 hours in the United States was at Silver Lake, Colorado, on April 14-15, 1921: 75.8 inches.
- The most snow in the United States in one month—390 inches (32.5 feet) fell at Tamarack, California, in January 1911.
- In the winter of 1971-72, 93.5 feet (1,122 inches) of snow fell at the Rainier Paradise Ranger Station in the state of Washington.



In the United States, temperatures are given in Fahrenheit degrees. The Celsius temperatures (also called centigrade) are used in most other countries. Here are both scales so you can convert one to another.

Owlie's Snow How



In the Antarctic, there is a 30-30-30 rule. When the temperature is 30 below, and the wind is 30 miles per hour, a person can live only 30 minutes outside.

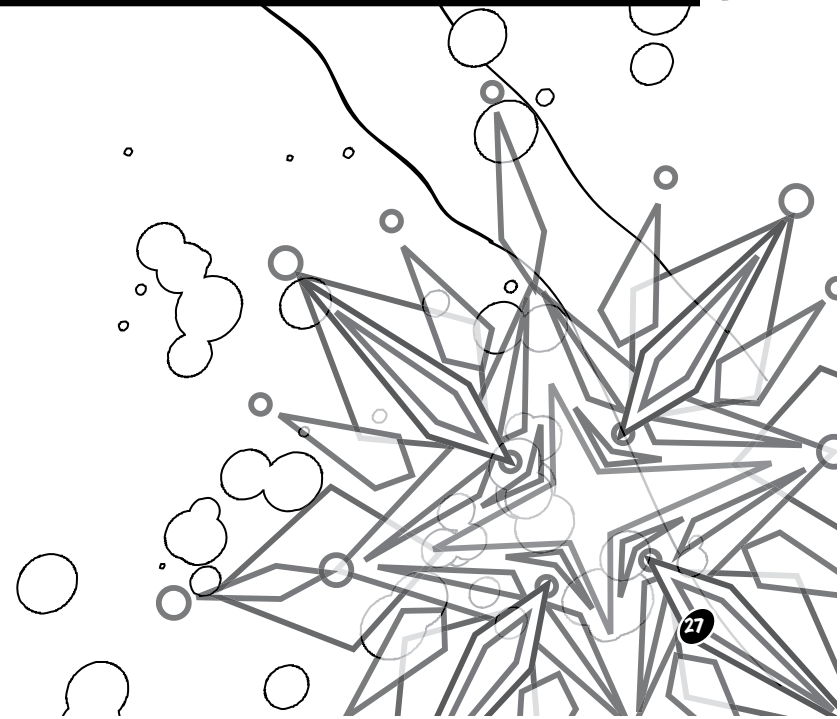
During the winter, you often hear the term "wind chill." Wind combined with cold air makes your body feel even colder than the actual temperature. You get that feeling when you get out of the pool or ocean in the summer.

In winter, wind chill can be dangerous. For example when the outside temperature is zero degrees and the wind speed is 20 miles per hour, the wind chill makes it feel like 22 degrees below zero. Exposed skin will freeze in less than 30 minutes.



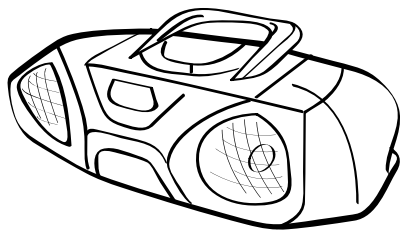
If you must go out in a blizzard...

- Wear mittens. They are warmer than gloves.
- Wear several layers of wool clothing and a windbreaker. Layers are warmer than a single heavy garment.
- Wear a hood that covers your mouth.
- Wear a hat and ear muffs.
- If you must go out, fasten a lifeline to yourself and to the house so you don't get lost in the blizzard.



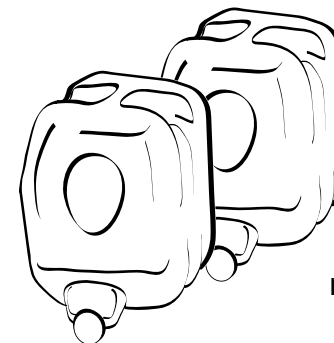
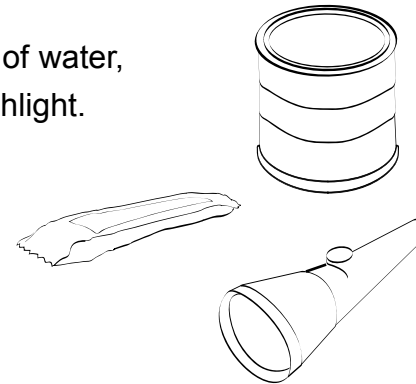
What To Do If You're at Home

Electricity may go off. Have a way to cook and keep warm.
The furnace may not work.



Find your battery operated radio and spare batteries.

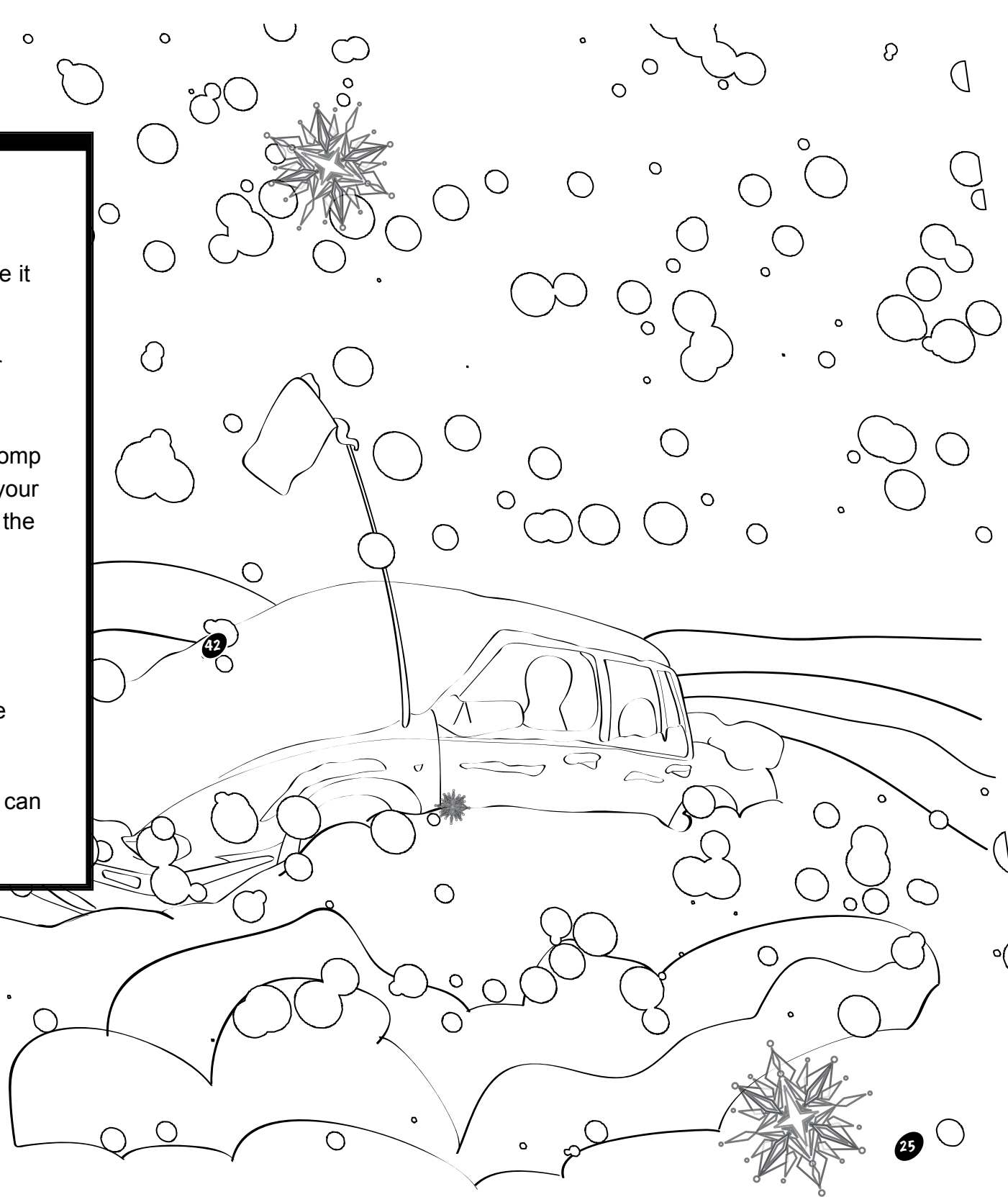
Have a supply of water, food and a flashlight.



Save and clean three large drink bottles or a large water container for each family member.

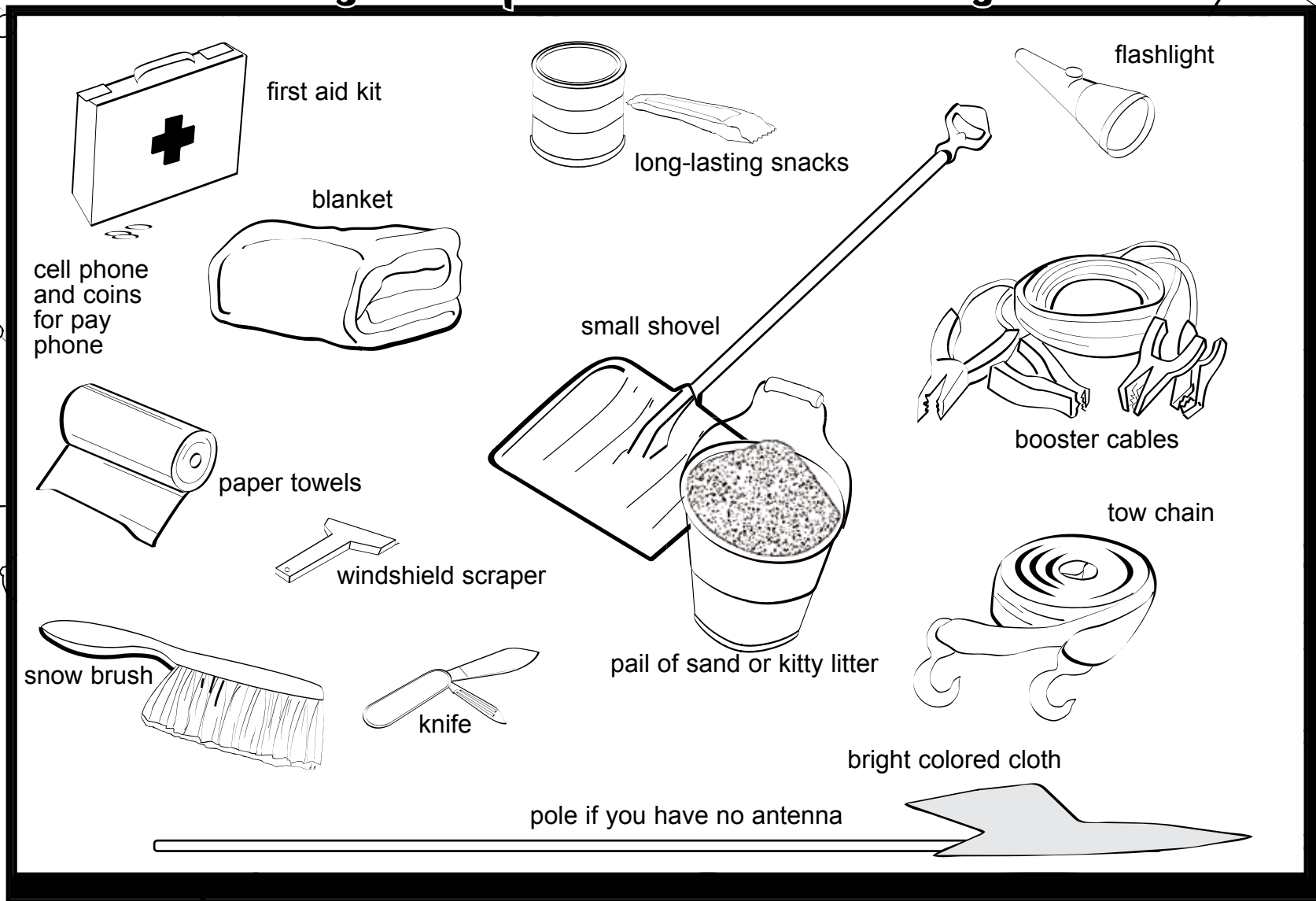
If Your Car Gets Stuck

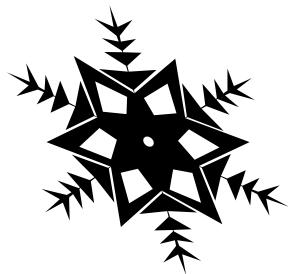
- Tie a bright cloth to the antenna and raise it high so rescuers can find you.
- If your car has no antenna, use a pole or fishing rod.
- As you sit, exercise. Clap your hands, stomp your feet, swing your arms about. Keep your blood moving to keep warm. Don't leave the car.
- Run the car engine for 10 minutes every hour, keep windows opened a little bit to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Conserve gasoline and food. You may be stranded for a long time.
- Leave the ceiling light on at night so you can be seen.



Car Safety Kit:

Tell your parents to put these things in the trunk if you live somewhere that gets deep snow even occasionally:





Flash floods and tornadoes can occur any month of the year. Not so with snow storms, which occur in winter or sometimes in early spring or late fall. Usually the snow piles up slowly, so you have time to get to a safe place, but not always. In a winter storm, a few flakes may fall and the next moment you see blinding snow. It's so heavy you can't see to drive or walk. It piles up deeper and deeper. All at once you may be stalled in a huge drift. You may be trapped.

Winter Storm **Watch**

There is a chance of heavy snow, ice or sleet, ice storm, dangerously low wind chill or a blizzard within the next day or two.

Winter Storm **Warning**

Severe winter weather has begun or is almost definitely coming in 24 hours. Be alert. Stay indoors!

Winter Storm Quiz

Fill in the blank with the correct words. Use these words:

winter	antenna	snowdrift	carbon monoxide
Watch	mittens	Warning	layers
kitty litter	wind chill		

1. A Winter Storm _____ means there is a chance of heavy snow or blizzards.
2. A Winter Storm _____ means severe winter weather is coming.
3. If a winter storm is expected you should have sand or _____, _____ in your trunk in case your car gets stuck.
4. If a winter storm is expected, you should put a bright colored cloth on the _____ so someone can find you.
5. If you keep your car engine running to keep warm, you could die from _____ poisoning unless your windows are open to get fresh air.
6. If you go outside in severe weather, you will be warmer if you wear _____ of wool clothing.
7. _____ are warmer than gloves.
8. Snow storms and blizzards usually occur in _____.
9. The temperature your body feels when the actual temperature and wind are combined is called _____.
10. If you are driving during a blizzard, your car could be stalled in a huge _____.

Answers on page 46

Make a list of supplies you should keep in your car to prepare for winter storms or blizzards.

Circle T (True) or F (False) for each sentence below.

- T F 1. During a winter storm, you can be stuck in a snowdrift.
- T F 2. If your car is stuck in the snow, roll up all the windows and keep the engine running until you run out of gas.
- T F 3. If you are trapped in a car, move your hands and feet as much as possible to keep warm.
- T F 4. An umbrella should be a part of your winter storm safety kit.
- T F 5. Snow storms can occur anytime of the year.
- T F 6. If your car is stuck in the snow, leave your ceiling light on at night so you can be seen.
- T F 7. Booster cables and a snow brush should be part of your winter storm car safety kit.
- T F 8. Wind chill is the combined effect of temperature and wind felt by your body.
- T F 9. Wear gloves. They are warmer than mittens.
- T F 10. If your car is stuck in a snowdrift, stand on the roof wearing brightly colored mittens and wave your arms.