

Four Little Blossoms and Their Winter Fun by Mabel C. Hawley

"Where's Mother?" Meg and Bobby Blossom demanded the moment they opened the front door. It was the first question they always asked when they came home from school. Twaddles, their little brother, looked up at them serenely from the sofa cushion.

"Mother and Aunt Polly went into town," he informed his brother and sister.

"They're going to bring us something nice. They promised."

Meg pulled off her hat and unbuttoned her coat. "I'm starving," she announced. "It's awfully cold out. What are you doing anyway, Twaddles?"

"Sliding down the banisters," answered Twaddles calmly. "See, we spread down sofa cushions so that we wouldn't hurt ourselves. It's Dot's turn now!"

"Here I come—look out!" With a swish of a pink, spotty skirt a small, plump little girl came flying down the banister to land luckily on a red, satin sofa cushion.

"Well, I must say," announced Meg, "that's a fine way to use Mother's best cushions! Where's Norah?"

"Gone to the movies," replied Dot, smiling cheerfully. "She waited until she saw you turn the corner because she said she couldn't leave us alone."

Twaddles, who had been pressing his short nose against the glass in the door panel, hoping to see his mother coming with the promised gift, suddenly started to jump up and down. That was Twaddles' way of expressing delight. "It's snowing!" he cried. "Oh, I hope it snows all night."



1. Find and copy **three** adverbs from the text.

2. Tick the names of the two children who are sliding down the banister.

Tick two.

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Norah

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Twaddles

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Dot

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Meg

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Bobby

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Polly

3. How does the author show that Twaddles is excited about the snow?

4. What do you think that the children did after Twaddles said that it was snowing?



Four Little Blossoms and Their Winter Fun Answers

1. Find and copy **three** adverbs from the text.

Accept any of the following:

- serenely
- calmly
- awfully
- cheerfully
- suddenly

2. Tick the names of the two children who are sliding down the banister. **Tick two.**

☐ Norah

☒ Twaddles

☒ Dot

☐ Meg

☐ Bobby

☐ Polly

3. How does the author show that Twaddles is excited about the snow?

Accept either of the following:

- He starts to jump up and down in delight.
- He cries out that 'It's snowing!'

4. What do you think that the children did after Twaddles said that it was snowing?

Accept any reasonable answers relating to the child's knowledge of anticipating snowy weather.

E.g.

- The children ran outside and began to play in the snow.
- The children excitedly ran to the window to look outside at the weather.
- The children looked for their scarves and gloves.

1

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

Jon and Will went to London Jon loved it.

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.question mark ☐full stop ☐apostrophe ☐comma ☐**2**

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

'How many more ', Sila asked.

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.question mark ☐full stop ☐apostrophe ☐comma ☐**3**

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

Alex Craig and Jon always argue!

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.question mark ☐full stop ☐apostrophe ☐comma ☐**4**

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

Apples are my favourite fruit Bananas are Joe's favourite fruit.

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.comma ☐full stop ☐question mark ☐apostrophe ☐**5**

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

What are we doing tomorrow

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.comma ☐full stop ☐question mark ☐apostrophe ☐**6**

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

When it is finished, we can go

Which punctuation mark is missing?

Tick **one**.comma ☐full stop ☐question mark ☐apostrophe ☐

1

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

What time is it

2

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

My name is Fred

3

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

Put your shoes away

4

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

What an amazing day it was

5

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

How beautiful the sky looks

6

Write the missing punctuation mark to complete the sentence below.

Can we go to the park

1 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

I ate biscuits _____ I was hungry.

Tick one

when ☐
or ☐
because ☐
if ☐

2 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

I am going to go to sleep _____ I get home.

Tick one

when ☐
or ☐
because ☐
and ☐

3 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

Would you like some carrots _____ peas?

Tick one

because ☐
when ☐
if ☐
or ☐

4 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

Jon was grumpy _____ his mum woke him up.

Tick one

because ☐
when ☐
if ☐
or ☐

5 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

My favourite colours are orange _____ green.

Tick one

but ☐
if ☐
and ☐
or ☐

6 Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

Tia likes chocolate ice-cream _____ not chocolate biscuits.

Tick one

if ☐
and ☐
but ☐
or ☐

1Which sentence is an **exclamation**?

Tick one

What can I buy? ☐How may I help you? ☐What a lovely dress you have! ☐My mum is a plumber. ☐**2**Which sentence is a **statement**?

Tick one

How old are you? ☐I am very tired. ☐How amazing you are! ☐Can we go home? ☐**3**Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick one

I like pizza. ☐Put your coat on. ☐Where are you going? ☐Did you share your drink? ☐**4**Which sentence is an **exclamation**?

Tick one

What can I buy? ☐How may I help you? ☐What a lovely dress you have! ☐My mum is a plumber. ☐**5**Which sentence is a **question**?

Tick one

Where are my keys? ☐Let's sit down. ☐What a fast train that was! ☐I will phone my mum. ☐**6**Which sentence is a **statement**?

Tick one

How funny this programme is! ☐Lions are dangerous. ☐What a dangerous game that is. ☐Brush your teeth. ☐

1

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

Ria likes chocolates sweets and crisps.

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2

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

You can be mean horrible and unkind!

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3

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

During half term we went bowling swimming and to the park.

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4

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

I like the green orange and blue ones.

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5

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

Would you like chocolate vanilla or strawberry flavour?

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6

Tick one box to show where a **comma** should go in the sentence below.

I need to pack my clothes eat my dinner and sleep!

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1 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

we will •

• you've

you have •

• we'll

it is •

• it's

2 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

I will •

• didn't

would not •

• I'll

did not •

• wouldn't

3 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

there is •

• hasn't

has not •

• there's

what is •

• what's

4 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

is not •

• I've

I have •

• isn't

I will •

• I'll

5 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

should have •

• you're

do not •

• don't

you are •

• should've

6 Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

it is •

• it's

I would •

• isn't

is not •

• I'd

1

Add a **suffix** to the word help to complete the sentence below.

I am very good at help
my mum wash the dishes.

2

Add a **suffix** to the word quick to complete the sentence below.

I was the quick out of
everyone to put my coat on.

3

Add a **suffix** to the word fast to complete the sentence below.

Sandra was fast than
Emilia in the race.

4

Add a **suffix** to the word watch to complete the sentence below.

Are you still watch
television?

5

Add a **suffix** to the word help to complete the sentence below.

The teacher said I was very
help today!

6

Add a **suffix** to the word harm to complete the sentence below.

My dad said it was alright to
touch the snail, because it was
harm.