



Lost in the Snow

The gift Joey wanted most for Christmas this year was a new kickball. His old one had a small hole and would not stay inflated. It's pretty hard to play kickball with a nearly flat ball. It doesn't roll or fly very well. On Christmas Day, Joey opened a big square box and squealed with delight when he saw its contents – a new and perfect orange kickball.

"Dad, may I p-l-e-a-s-e go outside and kick my new ball around?" Joey pleaded.

Dad nodded his approval, and Joey sprinted out the door. He played with that kickball all afternoon, and when his mom called him in for dinner, he left it in the back yard. After dinner, the family watched a great movie, and Joey forgot about his kickball. That night it snowed the first really big snow of the season. In the morning, after breakfast, Joey wanted to play with his new kickball again but couldn't remember exactly where he had left it outside. Now, the yard was covered in snow. Discouraged, Joey came back into the house.

"Dad, my ball is lost in the snow. How will I ever find it?"

"The weather is supposed to warm up in a few days," Dad replied. "The snow will begin to melt, and your new ball will pop right out of its hiding place."

1. The gift Joey wanted most for Christmas this year was a _____.
(baseball, tool set, kickball)
2. On Christmas Day, Joey was _____ to receive a new kickball.
(disappointed, delighted, upset)
3. Joey pleaded with his father to let him play _____ with the new ball.
(outside, in the garage, in his bedroom)
4. The next morning, Joey awoke to learn it had _____ during the night.
(rained, stormed, snowed)
5. Discouraged, Joey told his dad the new ball was _____ in the snow.
(bouncing, leaking, lost)