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Craft Time

Winter crafts for toddlers:
<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/winter-crafts-for-toddlers/>
or
<https://www.pre-kpages.com/polar-bear-activities-for-kids/>

Let's talk about winter



What is your favourite place in winter? Why?	What do you cook for your family in winter?	What is your favourite winter sport? Do you do this sport?
Say something about the weather in winter.	Would you like to visit a cold country? If 'no', why not? If 'yes', which country?	Can you ski or snowboard? Can you do another winter sport?
Do you celebrate Christmas? If yes, how? If no, what is the most special time in winter for you?	Which do you like better, winter or summer? Why?	Can you name 5 items of winter clothes?
Which months are the winter months?	Where do you want to be in the winter holidays?	Are you a cold weather or a warm weather person? Or both?

The first of December marks the first day of Meteorological Winter. What does this mean? You've always heard that winter in the Northern Hemisphere starts on 21 December but that is the start of Astronomical Winter. The main difference between Astronomical Winter and Meteorological Winter is that Astronomical Winter is based on the Earth's position in relation to the sun, while Meteorological Winter is based on the three coldest months of the year. Now that winter is here, are you ready?

Depending on what your location is in the Northern Hemisphere, you need to be prepared for what winter can bring. For instance, do you know the difference between a Winter Weather Advisory and a Winter Weather Warning? A Winter Weather Advisory is when wintry weather is expected within 12 to 36 hours or is occurring and travel may be difficult. A Winter Weather Warning is when wintry weather is expected to be dangerous within 12 to 36 hours or is occurring. "Considerable travel problems are expected." Another warning you should familiarize yourself with is a Blizzard Warning. A Blizzard Warning is when severe wintry weather is expected within 12 to 36 hours or is occurring and will impact travel to a standstill. One thing you should remember about a blizzard, is that it doesn't have to be actively snowing to be considered a blizzard. The harsh winds push the fresh snow around creating whiteout conditions as well as numerous other hazards.

The different types of precipitation are also important. Freezing rain happens when snow falls into a warm sector melting the snow into rain, and then re-enters a cold sector that holds freezing temperatures. The rain falls through the cold sector and freezes on contact. Freezing rain can create slippery roads, and wreak havoc on trees and power lines.

To stay safe during the winter months, you must first understand winter weather. Once that is done, you can start to prepare properly. Check your car for any fallacies including tire pressure, antifreeze and other fluid levels. You should also check things around your house such as your gutters, heating unit, or any trees that hang over your roof or powerlines. When local authorities ask travelers to stay off of the roads, it is best to do so if travel is not essential.



For more information about Holidays and COVID visit the CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

Ice is Never 100% Safe!
Minimum Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only

Ice Safety Tips

- Double the thickness guidelines for white or snow-covered ice.
- Carry two large nails to use as ice picks if you fall through.
- Avoid pressure ridges and areas with current.
- Warn children about the dangers of thin ice.
- Don't drive on the ice at night.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages.

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Blizzard Warning	Winter Storm Warning	Winter Weather Advisory
Severe winter weather is expected within the next 12 to 36 hours or is occurring -- including whiteout conditions. Do not travel.	Dangerous winter weather is expected within the next 12 to 36 hours or is occurring. Considerable travel problems are expected.	Potentially dangerous winter weather is expected within the next 12 to 36 hours or is occurring. Travel difficulties are expected.
take action.	take action.	be aware.