



# Let's Find Out About It

## Animals Prepare for Winter

Standard Connection:  
 ELA.RI.PK4.9  
 ELA.SL.PK4.2  
 S.ES.PK4.1  
 S.LS.PK4.3a  
 PD.SHS.PK4.1

**Enduring Understanding(s):**

- Living things respond in different ways to different types of weather.

**Essential Question(s):**

- How do living things work together to solve problems and accomplish goals?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i></li> <li>• <i>A Hat for Minerva Louise</i></li> <li>• images (see Resources)</li> </ul>	<p><b>migrate:</b> travel</p> <p><b>hibernate:</b> sleep all winter</p> <p><b>gather:</b> to bring together</p> <p><b>store:</b> keep things</p> <p><b>shelter:</b> a safe place</p> <p><b>fur:</b> soft hairy coat of a mammal</p> <p><b>prepare:</b> get ready</p>	

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Preparation: *Set up materials.*

<p>"In <i>A Hat for Minerva Louise</i>, the hen <b>prepared</b> for winter by looking for a hat to keep her warm. What do you notice?"</p>	<p><b>Show illustrations.</b> <b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Is Minerva Louise a real or make-believe chicken? How do you know?"</p>	<p><b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Here are images of real animals in winter. What do you notice?"</p>	<p><b>Show images.</b> <b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Some animals, like the rabbits in <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i>, prepare for winter by finding <b>shelter</b> and growing thicker <b>fur</b>. Other animals, like squirrels, <b>gather</b> and <b>store</b> food to <b>prepare</b> for winter. How is that helpful to the animal?"</p>	<p><b>Show images.</b> <b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Other animals like geese, elk, and whales <b>migrate</b> - travel - to warmer places to find food and <b>shelter</b>."</p>	<p><b>Show images.</b></p>
<p>"Animals like bears, hedgehogs, and mice <b>hibernate</b> - go into a deep sleep for the winter. Before the winter, they eat extra food that becomes body fat. The body fat keeps them warm and is the animal's food while it <b>hibernates</b> for the winter."</p>	<p><b>Show images.</b></p>