

ELINOR'S TOWN

EP 104 The Science of Staying Warm

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Elinor's Question: Why do animals have fur?

Logline: Elinor wants to play outside in the snow with Hazel and Ari, but Hazel's heavy winter wear keep getting in the way of their fun so she'd rather not wear it at all.

Curriculum Goals:

SEP6. Constructing Explanations. Look for and describe patterns and relationships in natural phenomena.

LS2. Understand that animals have different body parts that are used in different ways to meet their needs and that plants have different parts that help them survive and grow.

ND1. (RTL Crosscutting concept 'Patterns') Understand that modes of life in the natural world and engineered solutions in the designed world have common patterns, and engineers often look to natural patterns for inspiration.

Main Characters: Elinor, Hazel, Ari.

Secondary Characters: Hazel's Mom, Sally Beaver.

Incidental Characters: Camilla, Goat Twins, Bodie (NEW)

Settings:

Props:

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1. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN - DAY

A pristine single snowflake flies over ANIMAL TOWN on a gentle breeze. As it floats through town, we see various town RESIDENTS opening their doors to marvel a blanket of fresh white snow.

MR. PIG shivers at the cold air and heads back indoors.

MR. MOOSE take a deep breath of cold air with a warm smile as he proceeds to shovel his walkway (without a jacket!).

The snowflake continues to fly through town, towards...

2. EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - HILL AND FIELD - CONTINUOUS

As the snowflake drifts, it passes a FIELD OF SNOW at the bottom of a MID-SIZED HILL where a group of children are playing <SFX: CHILDREN PLAYING>.

SALLY BEAVER (in earmuffs and mittens) is building an elaborate Snow-Beaver with carrot sticks for teeth.

THE GOAT TWINS (wearing only scarves) are pulling each other in a toboggan.

JAVIER MOOSE (in just a scarf) is having a playful snowball fight with ROLLIE ARMADILLO (in full winter gear).

BODIE HIPPO (in snow suit, helmet and goggles) is snowboarding down the hill.

The snowflake drifts toward HAZEL'S HOUSE, nestled near the hillside...

HAZEL'S WINDOW, where we can see ELINOR through the glass, gazing longingly at all the fun outside.

The snowflake lands on the window, right where Elinor's nose is.

3. INT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

1	ELINOR	1
	<gasp!> A snowflake!	

Elinor (in SCARF AND MITTENS) hops with excitement!

2	ELINOR (CONT'D)	2
	Hurry, Hazel! It's starting to snow!	

ARI is waiting nearby (wearing MITTENS, BOOTS AND HELMET)
holding a shiny new SAUCER SLED.

ARI

And we're missing all the super
speedy saucer sledding - Whoa. Say
that three times fast. Super speedy
saucer sledding.

4 ARI/ELINOR 4
 (laughing)
Super speedy saucer sledding. Super
speedy saucer --

5 HAZEL (O.S.) 5
There's no time like snow time!

HAZEL enters in her everyday clothes.

6 ARI/ELINOR/HAZEL 6
 Alright!/Yay!/Yahoo!

Ari, Elinor and Hazel rush to the front door.

7 HAZEL'S MOM (O.S.) 7
Hazel, Sweetie. Aren't you
forgetting something?

Just then, HAZEL'S MOM enters carrying a trunkful of WINTER CLOTHES.

8 HAZEL 8
My snow suit? But Mom, it takes
forever to put it on.

9 HAZEL'S MOM 9
True, it takes a bit of time, but
it also makes playing in the snow
that much more fun.

10 ELINOR 10
It's okay, Hazel. We'll wait for
you. Right, Ari?

Elinor gives Ari a gentle elbow to the ribs.

11 ARI 11
Huh? Oh, uh... yeah. Sure we will!

12 HAZEL'S MOM 12
I bet if we work together we can
get you ready in no time at all.
Ready, set...

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HAZEL/HAZEL'S MOM
<TRUMPET with their trunks>

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Ari <chuckles>

SERIES OF JUMP CUTS:

(MUSIC NOTE: the music starts out fast and energetic but gets slower and more tedious as Hazel gets dressed.)

-- Hazel's Mom helps Hazel put on her snow pants.

-- Then her jacket.

-- Ari and Elinor wait impatiently. Elinor's leg keeps twitching.

-- Hazel's Mom takes out her hat, scarf and mitten. She antics to put them on Hazel, but Hazel refuses, she wants to put them on herself.

-- She puts on her own hat.

-- Then her scarf.

-- Then her mittens.

-- Ari and Elinor are sitting on the floor, bored. Ari checks his watch.

-- Hazel steps into one boot. Then the other.

-- Ari and Elinor are draped over the furniture. Ari is upside down.

-- Finally, Hazel slides on her trunk-warmer (like a leg-warmer but for her trunk).

BACK TO SCENE:

Ari and Elinor have nodded off. Ari is SNORING.

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HAZEL
<Achem.>

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Ari and Elinor wake up to see Hazel in her WINTER GEAR. It's bulky and stiff like an inflatable Sumo suit.

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HAZEL (CONT'D)
Sorry I took so long. It's my snow suit. There's just so much of it.

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ELINOR
That's okay, Hazel.

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[illegible]

Ari and Elinor scamper to the door. They open the door and rush outside.

4. EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Elinor and Ari race outside.

18 ELINOR/ARI 18
Yay! /Woo!

But Hazel remains INSIDE, in the doorway.

19 ELINOR 19
Hazel? What's wrong?

20 HAZEL 20
I... I have to go to the bathroom.

Elinor and Ari turn to one another - Oh no!

5. EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - HILL AND FIELD - LATER

Elinor, Hazel Are run into the snowy scene. Ari immediately runs up the hill with is saucer, while Hazel scoops up a trunkful of snow and gently tosses it at a delighted Elinor.

21 ELINOR 21
(laughs)
Oh, this snow is PERFECT!
(shares a look with Hazel)
Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

22 ELINOR/HAZEL 22
SNOW ANGELS!

Hazel and Elinor plo p down in the snow and start making SNOW ANGELS.

23 ELINOR/HAZEL (CONT'D) 23
 <giggling>

Both enjoy the snow as they wave their arms and legs.

24 HAZEL 24

I don't know what my Mom was
worried about. The snow doesn't
feel so cold.

25 ELINOR 25

I'm not cold at all! Ready to show
our Snow Angels? One, two, three!

Elinor pops up to look at her snow angel.

26 ELINOR (CONT'D) 26
Oooh. So pretty! How's yours,
Hazel?

Hazel tries to sit up -- but her bulky snowsuit is too heavy. She's like a turtle on its back.

27 HAZEL 27
 <efforts> Uh... Help?

28 ELINOR 28
<giggle> Hazel! <effort>

Elinor GRUNTS as she pulls Hazel up by her trunk.

Hazel is forced use her hands to push herself up. In doing so, she distorts the shape of her Snow Angel.

29 HAZEL 29
Aw. My Snow Angel looks more like a
Snow Monster. I wish my snowsuit
wasn't so big and heavy.

ARI (O.S.)
Look out below!

Elinor and Hazel turn to the hill to see Ari zigzagging down
THE HILL on his SNOW SAUCER.

31 ARI (CONT'D) 31
Who-oaa! How do you steer this
thing?!

Ari flies by Elinor and Hazel and OFF SCREEN - THUD.

32 ELINOR 32

Ari!

REVEAL Ari stuck head first in a pile of soft snow. His little legs kicking while his voice is muffled.

33 ARI 33
 <muffled sounds>

Elinor pulls on Ari's leg, Hazel grabs the other one. They pull him out of the snow.

34 ELINOR/HAZEL 34
<efforts>

35 ELINOR 35
Are you okay?

Ari dusts himself off.

36 ARI 36
That was... AWESOME! Well, test
slide number one didn't go *exactly*
as planned. But there's always test
slide number two! Wanna come? I'll
race you to the top of the hill.

Ari grabs his saucer and races back up the hill.

37 ELINOR 37
Come on, Hazel. Let's go saucer
sliding!

Elinor practically floats across the snow, her big rabbit
feet acting like snowshoes. But one or two steps up the hill
and Hazel sinks into the deep snow.

38 HAZEL 38
Wait up, Elinor! I'm <effort>
coming! <effort> Whooooaaa...

Hazel takes a few slow steps then tumbles over backwards,
disappearing in the snow.

39 ELINOR 39
Uh-oh!

Elinor hurries back and helps her friend up.

40 HAZEL 40
(frustrated)
I wish I didn't have to wear this
all this snow stuff - it's so BULK
I can't even keep my balance.

41 ELINOR 41
Why do you have to wear such a big
coat anyway?

42 HAZEL 42
I don't know. Lots of our friends
don't. Even that snowman isn't
wearing a winter coat and he looks
happy.

Elinor and Hazel turn to see THE GOAT TWINS finishing off a SNOWMAN (with no clothes).

43 ELINOR/HAZEL 43
<giggles>

Hazel suddenly gets an idea!

44 HAZEL 44
<gasp!> I know...

CUT TO:

6. EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - HILL AND FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

The snowman is now wearing Hazel's jacket, scarf, hat and mittens.

45 HAZEL 45
There. Now he looks even happier.

46 ELINOR/HAZEL 46
 <giggles.>

Suddenly a SNOWBALL splats against Hazel's body.

47 ARI 47
Gotcha, Hazel! <giggles>

48 HAZEL 48
Oh yeah? Well, now it's my turn.
Snowball fight!

Hazel chases after Ari, rolling snowballs with her hands and launching them with her trunk. With three appendages working, she's a snowball tossing machine! Ari gets hit multiple times.

49 ARI 49
Hey! <qiqgle> No fair!

Hazel bends down to pick up one more snowball, but as she moulds the snow, she drops the ball.

50 HAZEL 50
Ooh. That's cold.

As Hazel rubs her hands, another snowball hits her. This time from Elinor.

51 ELINOR 51
Can't get me, Hazel. (beat) Hazel?

Elinor and Ari approach Hazel, curios and concerned.

Hazel isn't throwing anymore. She is frozen still, hugging her body with her arms. Shivering.

MATCH CUT TO:

7. INT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - DAY

Hazel, still shivering, takes a comforting sip of HOT CHOCOLATE.

52	HAZEL	52
	Mmm. So warm and chocolatey. Thanks, Mom.	

53	HAZEL'S MOM	53
	You're welcome, Sweetie. But how about next time we keep our snow suit on?	

Hazel Mom finishes hanging up Hazel's snow suit (retrieved from the Snowman) then exits.

54	ELINOR	54
	I wonder why you got so cold when you took off your snow suit.	

55	ARI	55
	Yeah. I wasn't cold.	

56	ELINOR	56
	I wasn't cold either. That's so interesting.	

57	HAZEL	57
	And so unfair. How come I get cold in the snow and nobody else does?	

58	ELINOR	58
	Let's go back outside and take a closer look.	

Elinor and Ari head towards the door.

59	ARI	59
	Coming, Hazel?	

60	HAZEL	60
	Me? No thank you. I'm staying inside until next Spring.	

She takes another sip of hot cocoa.

8. INT./EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - HILL AND FIELD - DAY

MUSIC begins as Ari and Elinor (now wearing a helmet) hop on Ari's snow saucer and haphazardly zigzag down the hill past their friends, SINGING...

61 ELINOR/ARI 61
There's no time like snow time,
when winter time is here.

They slide by Bodie Hippo SNOWBOARDING, Javier Moose SNOW TUBING, and The Goat Twins MID-SNOWBALL FIGHT.

62 ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D) 62
Sliding, gliding, snowballs, what a
time of year. Whooooaa!

They slide out of control, just missing one of the twins!

63 ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D) 63
But some friends don't like winter.
They like the summer sun.

As they reach the bottom of the hill, they wave to Hazel,
looking longingly through her WINDOW.

64 HAZEL 64
Because being cold and stuck inside
is never very fun.

Elinor and Ari pull their saucer back up the hill. As they do, Elinor takes an up-close look at Sally Beaver and Rollie Armadillo building a SNOW FORT.

65 ELINOR/ARI 65

*What makes someone like the cold,
and another like it hot? Let's make
some observations and see just what
we've got!*

Back at the top of the hill, Elinor and Ari prepare for another run.

66 ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D) 66
*There's no time like snow time,
 when winter time is here. Saucer
 sliding, so much fun! What a time
 of yeeeeeeaaar! <impact> <laughter>*

Ari and Elinor zigzag uncontrollably OFF SCREEN and CRASH into a fluffy pile of snow, sending a SHOWER of the white stuff cascading through the frame as we...

TRANSITION TO:

INT./EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - DAY

Hazel opens the door to see Elinor and Ari covered in a dusting of white SNOW.

67 HAZEL 67
 Whoa. What happened?

68 ARI 68
 Science!

69 ELINOR 69
 We landed in a snowbank.

70 ARI 70
 It came out of nowhere.

Ari shakes the snow off his fur. Elinor follows suit as they enter and join Hazel.

71 HAZEL 71
 Well? Did you discover anything?

72 ELINOR 72
 Yes and no. We observed that some
 of us wear thick coats and others
 wear thin coats -

73 ARI 73
 - or no coats at all. Like me! I
 prefer to let my fur fly free!

74 ELINOR 74
 But we still don't know why --
 wait. Fur! Ari, you have fur.

Elinor takes Ari's arm and gets up close and personal for a
SCIENCE MOMENT ECU of Ari's fur.

75 ARI 75
 You bet, I do!

76 ELINOR 76
 And I have fur too! Wait a second,
 maybe that's a clue!

SCIENCE MOMENT ECU of Elinor's fur.

77 ELINOR (CONT'D) 77
 We need more observations!

78 HAZEL 78
 I'll get my clipboard.

Hazel grabs her PENCIL AND CLIPBOARD. She creates a CHART. On one side there is a column for images of animals. On the other side there is a column for check-marks or Xs.

79 HAZEL (CONT'D) 79
Tell me about what everybody else
was wearing.

As Elinor describes her friends, Hazel sketches them.

80 ELINOR 80
Okay. Bodie was wearing a full
snowsuit.

Hazel draws Bodie in his snowsuit.

81 HAZEL 81
And Bodie is a hippo. So he does
not have fur.

Ari looks out the window and spots Javier Moose, catching snowflakes on his tongue.

82 ARI 82

Javier is only wearing a scarf. And
he's a moose so...

83 HAZEL 83
Yes for fur.

Elinor looks out the window and spots Rollie Armadillo, curling up in a ball and rolling down the hill, turning himself into a HUGE snowball.

84 ELINOR 84
And Rollie's wearing his winter
coat, a hat and mittens.

85 ARI 85
I guess that's how he
rolls...without fur. <giggle>

86 ELINOR 86
So... our friends that have fur,
like Javier, aren't wearing
snowsuits. But our friends that
don't have fur are - like Rollie
and Bodie -

87 HAZEL 87
And me! Look! I don't have fur
either...

SCIENCE MOMENT ECU of Hazel's arm. There are tiny hairs, but no fur.

88 ELINOR 88
Wait a minute - that's it! Having fur is like having your own built-in winter coat!

89 HAZEL 89
So if you DON'T have fur, you have
to PUT ON a coat!

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90             ARI
           We figured it out!
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91 HAZEL 91
I wish I had fur, so I didn't have
to wear a coat.

92 ARI 92

Well, I wish I had a trunk, so I
could do that thing that you and
your Mom do.

93 HAZEL 93
You mean this? <TRUMPETS>

94 ARI 94
 <laughs> Yeah. I love that.

95 HAZEL 95
I guess we're all just different,
and since I DON'T have fur...

Hazel smiles, then scampers over to the coat rack and grabs her winter gear.

96 HAZEL (CONT'D) 96
What are we waiting for? Let's get
outside before the snow melts!

97 ELINOR/ARI 97
Yay!/Wahoo!

Hazel's Mom enters.

98 HAZEL'S MOM 98
Do you want a little help Hazel?

99 HAZEL 99
Well, maybe just a little

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100                ARI                100
Hey, can you do that elephant thing
again - pleeeese!
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Hazel and her mother exchange smiles.

101	HAZEL	101
	OK. Ready, set...	

102 HAZEL/HAZEL'S MOM 102
 <TRUMPET!>

9. EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - FIELD AND HILL - DAY

Back outside, Ari, Elinor and Hazel are standing at the top of the hill with Ari's snow saucer.

103 ARI 103

Are you sure, Elinor? I still don't
know how to steer this thing.

104 HAZEL 104
You don't have to. Follow me!

Hazel lies down in the snow, like she did when she made her Snow Angel, and slides down the hill on her back. Her winter clothes keep her dry and warm as she carves a perfect bobsled path down the hill.

105	HAZEL (CONT'D)	105
	Yahooo!	

When Hazel gets to the bottom, she struggles to her feet.

106 HAZEL (CONT'D) 106
 <effort> Come on you guys! There's
 no time like snow time!

Ari and Elinor exchange a look. Then...

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107                ARI/ELINOR                                107
Super speedy saucer sledding. Super
speedy saucer sledding. Super
speedy saucer sledding!

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Ari and Elinor hop in the snow saucer and slide down in Hazel's path.

108 ELINOR/ARI 108
Yay!/Wahoo! I love SNOW!