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 clothes 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, Javier Moose
Incidental Characters: Sally, Rollie, Goat Twins, Bodie (NEW)
Settings: Animal Town, Hazel's House, Snowy hill and field,
Props: Saucer Sled, snow bear, winter clothes, snow balls, snowboard,

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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 snowsuit, helmet and goggles) is snowboarding down the hill. *

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

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

The snowflake lands on the window, right where Elinor's nose is, then a light snopw starts to fall. *

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! There's SNOW outside! *

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

3 ARI 3
Yeah, and I can't wait to try my new super speedy saucer sled - Whoa. That's hard to say. Super speedy saucer sled. *

4 ARI/ELINOR 4 *
(laughing)
Super speedy saucer sled. Super speedy saucer sled! *

5 HAZEL (O.S.) 5
Okay, I'm ready. There's no time like snow time! *

HAZEL <TRUMPETS> with her trunk. *

6 ARI/ELINOR 6 *
Alright!/Yay! *

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 (She carries them with her trunk.) *

8 HAZEL 8
Aw Mom, it takes forever to put all those winter clothes on. *

9 HAZEL'S MOM 9
True, it takes more time, but Sweetie, you know it's cold outside. *

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

Ari is gazing outside, longingly. He snaps back to attention. *

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

12 HAZEL'S MOM 12
Come now, Hazel. I bet if we work together we can get you ready in two shakes of a tail. Ready, set... *

13 HAZEL'S MOM (CONT'D) 13 *
<TRUMPET with her trunk> *

Ari <chuckles> enjoying the sound. *

14 ARI 14 *
(chuckling) *
I love it when they do that. *

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. Elinor's leg keeps twitching. *

-- Hazel's Mom helps her put on her hat. *

-- Then her scarf.

-- Then her mittens.

-- Ari and Elinor are sitting on the floor, still waiting. *
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.

15 HAZEL 15
<Achem.>

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

16 HAZEL (CONT'D) 16
Sorry I took so long. It's my *
winter clothes. There's kind of a *
lot of them.

17 ELINOR 17
That's okay, Hazel.

18 ARI 18
You're all ready now! Come on! I *
have a need for saucer sled speed! *

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.

19 ELINOR/ARI 19
Yay!/Woo!

But Hazel remains INSIDE, in the doorway.

20 ELINOR 20
Hazel? What's wrong?

21 HAZEL 21
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 Ari rush towards the hill. Ari (in HELMET) *
scampers up the hill with his sled while Hazel, moving slowly *
and awkwardly, trails behind. Elinor tosses a handful of *
powdery snow into the air. *

22 ELINOR 22
(laughs)
Oh, this snow is perfect! *
(shares a look with Hazel)
Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

23 ELINOR/HAZEL 23
SNOW BIRDS! *

Hazel and Elinor plop down in the snow and start making SNOW BIRDS. *

24 ELINOR/HAZEL (CONT'D) 24
<giggling>

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

25 ELINOR 25 *
Ready to look at our Snow Birds, *
Hazel? One, two, three! *

Elinor pops up to look at her snow bird. *

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 Bird. *

29 HAZEL 29
Aw. My Snow Bird doesn't look like a bird at all! I wish my winter clothes weren't so big and puffy. * * *

30 ARI (O.S.) 30
Look out below!

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

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 half buried in a pile of soft snow. He struggles to get out. * *

33 ARI 33
<efforts> I think I'm stuck. *

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 jumps up and FLAPS his wings to shake off the snow. *

36 ARI 36
YEAH That didn't go *exactly* as planned. This sled is kind of hard to control. I need to try it again. Wanna come? I'll race you to the top of the hill. *

Ari grabs his sled and races back up the hill. *

37 ELINOR 37
Come on, Hazel. Let's go sledding! *

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> Whoooooaaa...

Hazel takes a few slow steps then teeters, falls on her back and slides down the hill, forming a Hazel-sized track in the *

39 ELINOR 39 *
Uh oh. *

She calls back to her friend downhill. *

40 ELINOR: 40 *
Are you ok, Hazel? *

ON: Hazel sits up. *

41 HAZEL: 41 *
Yeah... *

Hazel looks at herself, then tries to get up. *
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42 HAZEL 42 *
(Struggling to right herself) *
<effort> I wish I didn't have to wear all these winter clothes - they're so bulky it's hard to move. *

Hazel's some O.S. GIGGLES. She turns to see THE GOAT TWINS finishing off a SNOWBEAR (with no clothes). *

43 HAZEL (CONT'D) 43 *
Hmmm... *

CUT TO:

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

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

44 HAZEL 44
There. Now he looks cozy. *

Suddenly a SNOWBALL splats against Hazel's body. *

45 JAVIER 45 *
Gotcha, Hazel! <giggles>

JAVIER MOOSE smirks has he makes another snowball. *

46 HAZEL 46
Oh yeah? Well, now it's my turn, *
Javier. Snowball fight! *

Hazel chases after Javier moving faster in the snow now, *
rolling snowballs with her hands and launching them with her
trunk. With three appendages working, and no winter clothes *
to slow her down, she's like a snowball-tossing machine! *
Javier gets hit multiple times. *

47 JAVIER 47 *
Hey! <giggles> *

Hazel bends down to pick up one more snowball, but suddenly *
feels a shiver. *

48 HAZEL 48
<shivers> *

As Hazel rubs her hands for warmth, Elinor bounds towards her *
as Ari sleds by uncontrollably in the B.G. *

49 ELINOR 49
Hey Hazel! Why didn't you come *
saucer sledding? *

Elinor approaches Hazel, curious and concerned. *

50 ELINOR (CONT'D) 50 *
Hazel? *

Hazel is frozen still, hugging her body with her arms. Shivering. *

MATCH CUT TO:

7. INT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - DAY

Hazel, still shivering, under a cozy blanket *

51 HAZEL 51
Ahh. Th-that's b-b-better. *

Elinor gazes out the window. *

52 ELINOR 52 *
Hmm. I wonder why you got so cold *
when you took off your winter *
stuff. Nobody else seems cold. *

53 HAZEL 53 *
It's so unfair. How come I have to *
wear big, puffy winter clothes and *
nobody else does?

54 ELINOR 54 *
Some of them do. Look at Bodie. *
He's wearing a full snowsuit. *

We see BODIE HIPPO snowboarding down the hill. *

55 ELINOR (CONT'D) 55 *
Same with Rollie. *

Bodie stops right in front of ROLLIE ARMADILLO, spraying him *
with snow. They both laugh, enjoying the snow. *

56 HAZEL 56 *
Lemme see. *

Hazel, still in her blanket, joins Elinor by the window. *

57 HAZEL (CONT'D) 57 *
Hmm. Some of our friends are *
wearing lots of winter clothes, and *
some aren't. *

58 ELINOR 58 *
That's sooo interesting. *

59 HAZEL 59 *
I wonder why that is? *

60 ELINOR 60
I don't know... Let's go back outside and find out.

61 HAZEL 61
Outside? No thank you. I'm staying inside until Spring.

She cozies up under her blanket.

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

MUSIC begins as Elinor bounces through the snowy field, SINGING...

62 ELINOR 62
There's no time like snow time, when winter time is here. Sliding, gliding, snowball fun, what a time of year.

She approaches her friends Bodie Hippo, Javier Moose, and The Goat Twins MID-SNOWBALL PLAY.

63 ELINOR (CONT'D) 63
But when the snow has fallen, and the lake has froze, Different animals seem to wear different kinds of clothes.

Elinor observes Bodie and Rollie closely...

64 ELINOR (CONT'D) 64
Some wear cozy snowsuits. With scarves and mitts and hats.

Elinor observes the Goat Twins and Sally Beaver...

65 ELINOR (CONT'D) 65
Others wear their normal clothes - like goats and beavers --

66 ARI 66
-- And bats! Ahhh!

Ari comes spinning through frame on his saucer sled, totally out of control. He crashes into a fluffy white pile of snow - again. Elinor helps him out.

67 ELINOR/ARI 67
There's no time like snow time, when winter time is here.
(MORE)

ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D)
Saucer sliding, so much fun! What a time of year! <laugher>

Daniel and Jorge ALT LYRICS:

68 ELINOR 68
It's cold outside, what do you wear?
Hats and jackets and gloves in pairs
It's cold outside, what do you put on.
To keep you warm all day long?

There's snow on the ground,
And a breeze in the air,
Let's find out, what you're supposed to wear
It's cold outside, what do you wear?
Puffy jackets and... long underwear?

Ari flaps his wings, sending a SHOWER of snow cascading through the frame as we...

TRANSITION TO:

9. INT./EXT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - DAY

Elinor and Ari enter.

69 HAZEL 69
Well? Did you discover anything?

70 ELINOR 70
Yes and no. We observed that some of us wear lots of winter clothes and some of us wear no winter clothes at all.

71 ARI 71
Like me! I prefer to let my fur fly free!

72 ELINOR 72
But we still don't know why -- wait. Fur! Ari, you have fur.

73 ARI 73
You bet I do!

Ari proudly offers his arm and Elinor gets up close and personal for a **SCIENCE MOMENT ECU** of Ari's fur. *

74 ELINOR 74
And I have fur too! *

SCIENCE MOMENT ECU of Elinor's fur.

75 ELINOR (CONT'D) 75
Wait a second, maybe that's a clue! *
Let's make a chart! *

76 HAZEL 76
I'll get my notebook. *

Hazel grabs her PENCIL AND NOTEBOOK. She creates a T CHART. On one side there is a column with a furry design for FUR. On the other side the furry design is crossed out for NO FUR. * * *

77 HAZEL (CONT'D) 77
Tell me about what everybody is wearing. *

As Elinor describes her friends, Hazel sketches them.

78 ELINOR 78
Okay. Bodie is wearing a full snowsuit. *

Hazel finishes off a sketch of Bodie in his snowsuit in the NO FUR column. * *

79 HAZEL 79
And Bodie is a hippo. So he does <u>not</u> have fur.

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

80 ARI 80
Javier is only wearing a scarf. And he's a moose so...

81 HAZEL 81
<u>Yes</u> 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.

82 ELINOR 82
And Rollie's wearing his snowsuit too. * *

83 ARI 83
I guess that's how he rolls... *
without fur. <giggle>

84 ELINOR 84
So... our friends that have fur,
like Javier, aren't wearing a lot *
of winter clothes. But our friends *
that don't have fur ARE! Like *
Rollie and Bodie -

85 HAZEL 85
And me! Look! I don't have fur *
either...

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

86 ELINOR 86
Wait a minute - that's it! Having
fur is like having your own built-
in snowsuit! *

87 HAZEL 87
So if you <u>don't</u> have fur, you have *
to wear lots of winter clothes! *

88 ELINOR 88 *
We figured it out!

89 HAZEL 89
I wish I had fur, so I didn't have
to wear all those wintery clothes. *

90 ARI 90
Well, I wish I had a trunk, so I
could do that thing that you and
your Mom do.

91 HAZEL 91
You mean this? <TRUMPETS>

92 ARI 92
<laughs> Yeah. I love that.

93 HAZEL 93
I guess we're all just different,
and since I <u>don't</u> have fur... *

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

94 HAZEL (CONT'D) 94
What are we waiting for? Let's get outside before the snow melts!

95 ELINOR/ARI 95
Yay!/Wahoo!

Hazel's Mom enters.

96 HAZEL'S MOM 96 *
Do you want a little help, Hazel?

97 HAZEL 97 *
Well, maybe just a little.

98 ARI 98
Hey, can you do that elephant thing again - pleeese!

Hazel and her mother exchange smiles.

99 HAZEL 99
OK. Ready, set...

100 HAZEL/HAZEL'S MOM 100
<TRUMPET!>

Ari <chuckles> enjoying it again. *

10. 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 saucer sled. *

101 ARI 101
Are you sure, Elinor? I still don't know how to steer this thing.

102 HAZEL 102
You don't have to. Follow me!

Hazel lies down in the snow, like she did when she fell, 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. *

103 HAZEL (CONT'D) 103
Yahooo!

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

104 HAZEL (CONT'D) 104
<effort> Come on you guys! There's no time like snow time!

Ari and Elinor exchange a look. Then...

105 ARI/ELINOR 105 *
Super speedy saucer sled. Super speedy saucer sled. Super speedy saucer sled! *

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

106 ELINOR/ARI 106
Yay!/Wahoo! I love SNOW!

END. *