

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 at 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
on 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 snow 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	*
	<Ahem.>		
	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.		

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

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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.

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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 to 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.

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*

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> Whooooaaa...

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

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 hears 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 as 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.

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MATCH CUT TO:

7. INT. HAZEL'S HOUSE - DAY

Hazel, still shivering, under a cozy blanket

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HAZEL

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Ahh. Th-that's b-b-better.

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Elinor gazes out the window.

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ELINOR

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

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HAZEL

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

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ELINOR

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

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We see BODIE HIPPO snowboarding down the hill.

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

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Same with Rollie.

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

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HAZEL

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Lemme see.

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

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HAZEL (CONT'D)

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Hmm. Some of our friends are
wearing lots of winter clothes, and
some aren't.

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ELINOR

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That's sooo interesting.

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HAZEL

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I wonder why that is?

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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	*
	<i>There's no time like snow time,</i>		*
	<i>when winter time is here. Sliding,</i>		*
	<i>gliding, snowball fun, what a time</i>		*
	<i>of year.</i>		*
	She approaches her friends Bodie Hippo, Javier Moose, and The		*
	Goat Twins MID-SNOWBALL PLAY.		*
63	ELINOR (CONT'D)	63	*
	<i>But when the snow has fallen,</i>		*
	<i>and the lake has froze,</i>		*
	<i>Different animals seem to wear</i>		*
	<i>different kinds of clothes.</i>		*
	Elinor observes Bodie and Rollie closely...		*
64	ELINOR (CONT'D)	64	*
	<i>Some wear cozy snowsuits. With</i>		*
	<i>scarves and mitts and hats.</i>		*
	Elinor observes the Goat Twins and Sally Beaver...		*
65	ELINOR (CONT'D)	65	*
	<i>Others wear their normal clothes -</i>		*
	<i>like goats and beavers --</i>		*
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	*
	<i>There's no time like snow time,</i>		
	<i>when winter time is here.</i>		
	(MORE)		

ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D)

*Saucer sliding, so much fun! What a
time of year! <laughter>*

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

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TRANSITION TO:

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

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Elinor and Ari enter.

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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. *

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 wintry 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 - pleeeese!		

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. *