

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 111B Snow Friend
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Elinor's Question: Why is the snow different today from yesterday?

Logline: Elinor and her friends want to build "snow-friends" but the snow isn't sticky enough.

ES1. Understand that the Earth is made up of a variety of natural materials. a. Explore and describe the characteristics of earth materials such as sand, rocks, soil, water, and air b. Explore water and other Earth materials during play using simple tools. (Elinor and her friends explore the characteristics of snow and.)

SEP1. Asking questions (science) and defining problems (engineering)
a. Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment

b. Ask more complex questions about observable phenomena

c. Ask and/or identify cause and effect questions that can be answered by an investigation

d. Identify a problem that can be solved by the design a new or improved object or tool (engineering)

(Elinor and her friends ask questions about the snow and identify the properties of snow that is good for making snowballs)

SEP6. Constructing explanations (science) and Designing Solutions (engineering) a. Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena (science) b. Look for and describe patterns and relationships in natural phenomena (science) c. Use and apply productive science discourse to support an explanation d. Use evidence to support a theory or solution to a problem (engineering) (Elinor observes that when the weather is colder the snow doesn't stick together and she and her friends figure out that to make the snow stickier, they should warm it up.)

MAINS: Elinor, Ari, Olive, Olive's Mo

SECONDARY: Ari's Mom.

LOCATIONS: Olives's house, interior and exterior, Ari's room, Ari's Kitchen.

PROPS: Plastic buckets, boot tray, wood stove - snow!

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1. EXT. OLIVE'S FRONT YARD HILL AND FIELD -- DAY

START ON: The shining sun. PAN DOWN TO: It's a mild winter day and a bunch of kids (the winter team as necessary - SALLY, MARY, LIZZIE, ROLLIE, BODIE) are in the field having a blast building with the sticky snow! They're making all kinds of snow things - snow forts, snow slides, and lots and lots of snow-balls. <DESIGN NOTE: this is the same location as "The Science of Staying Warm">

ELINOR, ARI and OLIVE exit Olive's house. Olive is wearing her light jacket, Elinor and Ari are just wearing scarves.

1 ELINOR 1
(delighted)
What a beooo-tiful day!

ANGLE ON: The kids playing in the snow.

2 ARI 2

Whoaaa! Look at all the snow-
building!

3 OLIVE 3
Snow forts, snow slides, snow
balls...

4 ARI 4
And SNOW-BATS!

Ari flops on his back making one of his famous snow-bats.

5 ARI (CONT'D) 5
Brrr. The snow feels COLD when you
lay down in it, although the sun is
nice and warm - ahhh.

Ari enjoys the sun for a beat, then hops up. Meanwhile, Olive picks up some snow with her trunk and forms a little snow-ball.

6 OLIVE 6
This snow is perfect for making
snowballs.

She tosses the small snowball to Ari who tosses it to Elinor.

7 ELINOR 7
Yeah, it really sticks together...

Elinor demo's her snow-ball rolling technique.

8 ELINOR (CONT'D) 8
Check this out! The snowball picks
up more and more snow when you roll
it around.

9 ARI 9
 (in awe)
 Whoa. It's like the snowball is
 making itself.

Elinor rolls her snowball around and OS.

10 OLIVE 10
Elinor! Ari! Look at this...

Olive has filled a plastic bucket with snow, she upends it.

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11                                OLIVE (CONT'D)                                11
                                A snow-castle.

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ARI

We're at the snow-beach.

At that moment Elinor accidentally rolls her snowball right into Ari.

13 ARI (CONT'D) 13

 Whooooa!

He does a little flip, lands perfectly in his snow bat (if that works for design), then bounces to his feet.

14 ARI (CONT'D) 14
Ta-dah! I meant to do that.

15 ELINOR 15
Sorry Ari, my snowball got away
from me. It's getting so BIG.

ANGLE ON: the snowball has rolled a little way off, maybe down a small hill.

16 OLIVE 16
What are you going to do with it,
Elinor?

17 ELINOR 17
Hmmm, I'm not sure.

THOUGHT BUBBLE - shows what Elinor is imagining. Her snowball is joined by a second snowball, and a third. They assemble themselves into a classic snowman (with animal ears, of course).

18 ELINOR (CONT'D) 18
 <GASP!> I have an idea - let's make
 a SNOW FRIEND!

19 ARI 19

Not just any Snow Friend. The
biggest snow friend EVER!!

QUICK SNOW-FRIEND MAKING MONTAGE

Ari and Olive help Elinor roll the first snowball she made around as much as they can, until it's basically too big to move. They <SX: EFFORTS GRUNT> as they struggle to move it one last time, and collapse around it <SFX: GIGGLING>.

CROSSFADE TO:

Olive, Ari and Elinor are working on their second snowball. It's about 1/2 the size of the first one, but still big. They roll it to the bigger ball, roll it up the side and set it in place on top. NOTE: we don't see the full thing yet.

END MONTAGE.

Olive Elinor and Ari are admiring their work, eyes wide.
<SFX: WHOOOA WALLA>

ANGLE ON: Their creation, two snowballs stacked one on top of the other, quite a bit bigger than they are.

OLIVE

Now that's a BIG Snow Friend.

21	ARI	21
	It's a snow GIANT!!	
	(movie music)	
	Duh--duh-DUH!!!!	
	(big voice)	
	Here's the giant snow giant	
	stomping around the WORLD!	
	(Ari stomps around)	
	Boom-boom-BOOM!	

22 OLIVE 22

Uh, Ari...

What?

ARI

24 ELINOR 24
(giggling)
Our Snow Giant can't stomp anywhere
yet.

25 OLIVE 25
(laughing)
He doesn't have a head, so he can't
see where he's stomping.

26 ARI 26
Oooh, good point. He'd crash into
everything!
(he mimics CRASH EFFECT)

Suddenly Olive's Mom calls from OS.

27 OLIVE'S MOM (O.S.) 27
Oooolive! Time to come in for
dinner!

28 OLIVE 28
(calling)
OK Mom, be right there!!

29 ELINOR 29
I'd better go home too.

30 ARI 30
Wait, what? We can't leave! Our
snow giant is headless!

31 OLIVE 31
We'll finish it tomorrow, Ari.

32 ELINOR 32
We promise.

2. INT. ARI'S ROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

Ari flies out of bed and to the window. ANGLE ON: outside the world is covered in fresh snow.

33 ARI 33

YES!! LOTS MORE SNOW! Now we can
finish our Snow Giant.

3. INT. ARI'S KITCHEN - MORNING

Ari is wolfing down his breakfast as his Mom feeds MIRI.

34 ARI'S MOM 34
What's the rush, Ari?

35 ARI 35
I have to get to Olive's house,
Mom. We're making a SNOW GIANT!

ARI'S MOM

A snow giant. Sounds impressive.
Well, you'd better wear your hat.
It's quite a bit colder out there
today than it was yesterday.

Ari flutters OS.

37 ARI 37
Oh. Okay, mom. Bye.

4. EXT. OLIVE'S HOUSE - DAY

Elinor, Ari and Olive (all in winter gear ala The Science of Staying Warm) run OS from different directions.

38 OLIVE 38

Hey guys!

39 ELINOR 39
Whoaaa! Look at all the fluffy NEW
snow!!!

40 ARI 40
There's enough to give our snow
giant THREE heads.

41 ELINOR 41
(giggle)
We only need one head for now, Ari.

[illegible]

Olive picks up some snow in her trunk, but immediately runs into problems. The snow just falls apart and flutters to the ground.

OLIVE (CONT'D)

Oh! Better try that again.

She scoops up more snow - the same thing happens, the snowball crumbles and falls to the ground.

44 OLIVE (CONT'D) 44
That's weird. This NEW snow won't
stick together - it just falls
apart.

45 ARI 45

What's going on - why is the snow
so different from yesterday?

46 ELINOR 46
Hmmm. I'm not sure.

She picks up a mitt-full of snow. ECU: Of the powdery pile of snow in Elinor's mitt.

47 ELINOR (CONT'D) 47
It LOOKS pretty much the same.

48 OLIVE 48
Yeah, but try to make a ball.

Elinor squeezes the snow in her mitten, then opens her hands. The powdery snow just falls to the ground.

49 ARI 49
Maybe we just have to squeeze harder.

Ari grabs a handful of snow in his mitts and starts squeezing it with all his might.

50 ARI (CONT'D) 50
RRRRRRRR. Come on snowball, let me make you. RRRRRRR!

Ari's really getting into it, Olive and Elinor watch him for a beat.

51 OLIVE 51
Is it working?

52 ARI 52
(with effort)
RRRRrrrr. I...think...soo....

Ari opens his mitts, the snow just falls to the ground.

53 ELINOR 53
Maybe this snow just isn't good for making snowballs.

54 OLIVE 54
I wonder if it's good for snow castles.

Olive picks up her bucket and fills it up, she's about to upend it when...

55 ARI 55
Wait! I have an idea!

Ari flies up to the top of the snowman.

56 ARI (CONT'D) 56
Hand me the bucket, please.

Olive hands Ari the bucket and he upends it on the top of the snow-friend. The snow just rolls off.

57 ARI (CONT'D) 57
I thought we could make a snow-
castle head... but, nope.

58 OLIVE 58
Hmmm. Maybe if I pack the snow down
a little more. Hand me the bucket,
please, Ari.

Ari hands Olive her bucket, Olive fills it, but just at that moment Olive's Mom calls from the front door.

59 OLIVE'S MOM 59
Hey kids, who's ready for some hot
chocolate?

60 ARI 60
 <GASP> Hot chocolate!

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61                                OLIVE                                61
                                Coming Mom!!

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The kids run to the house <NOTE: Olive keeps her bucket>. As they go in, Elinor looks back one more time, still puzzled.

5. INT. OLIVE'S HOUSE (ENTRANCE) - DAY

Olive, Ari and Elinor enter. <NOTE: Olive bucket is filled past the brim with fluffy snow>.

62 ELINOR 62
(laughing)
Uhhh, Olive. You still have the
bucket of snow.

63 OLIVE 63
Yeah, I brought it in so we could
keep observing it.

64 ELINOR 64
Good thinking.
(to the bucket)
Hey little bucket of snow, would
you like to see Olive's house?

65 ARI 65
I wonder if buckets of snow like
hot chocolate?

6. INT. OLIVE'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Olive's Mom has bundled the kids in blankets on the couch, and they each hold a mug of hot chocolate. The bucket of snow is nestled between Ari and Olive, obscured by a blanket. Olive's Mom is tending the fire.

66 ELINOR 66
Oooh, this is cozy.

67 OLIVE 67
Thanks, Mom!

68 OLIVE'S MOM 68
You're welcome kids. It IS really
cold out there.

Olive's Mom puts a log on the fire and closes the door to the wood stove. Then she goes off.

69 ELINOR 69
I wonder why the snow outside
didn't stick together today?

70 ARI 70
I dunno. What do you say, bucket of
snow?

Ari moves the blanket. ANGLE ON: the bucket of snow, the snow is now just barely poking over the rim.

71 ARI (CONT'D) 71
It doesn't say much.

72 OLIVE 72

Well, I'm glad we're inside - where
it's nice and toasty, right bucket
of snow?

(she glances at the
bucket)

Uh-oh. Something's happening to the
snow. Look!

SCIENCE ECU: The kids examine the snow, now just below the rim of the bucket. It has a small puddle in the middle.

73 ELINOR 73
It *does* look different.

74	ARI	74
	Yeah, it looks WATERY.	
	He dips his finger in the water.	
75	ELINOR	75
	That's sooo interesting. We need MORE observations!	
	The kids take the bucket and put it on the floor. Elinor touches the snow.	
76	ELINOR (CONT'D)	76
	It feels different too - it's wet and slushy.	
77	OLIVE	77
	It's more like the snow from yesterday. Wait a minute...	
	Olive uses her trunk to make a snowball.	
78	ELINOR	78
	(excited) It works! You can make a snowball now!	
79	OLIVE	79
	Yep. THIS snow sticks together and doesn't crumble.	
	She tosses the snowball to Ari, who fumbles it a few times before he catches it.	
80	ARI	80
	Whoa-whoooo-WHOAA! (he finally catches it) Finally! A snowball!	
	Science ECU of snowball.	
81	OLIVE	81
	But why did the snow change? It used to be fluffy, but NOW it's slushy.	
82	ARI	82
	All we did was bring it into the house.	
83	ELINOR	83
	(thinking) HMMMMMM. Wait a minute... (figures it out) (MORE)	

ELINOR (CONT'D)

It's much warmer inside the house.
Maybe fluffy snow turns slushy and
sticky when it warms up.

At this moment Olive's Mom comes in to check on them. She
overhears the conversation.

84 OLIVE'S MOM 84
You're right, Elinor. That's
because snow melts when it gets
warm.

85 ELINOR 85
THAT'S what makes it slushy.

86 OLIVE 86
And sticky! So we can make
things...

87 ARI 87
...like snowballs!

Ari holds up the dripping snowball.

88 OLIVE'S MOM 88
Nice observing, scientists. Now be
careful not to get slushy snow on
the couch, please.

89 ARI 89
Right.

Ari throws the snowball back into the bucket. Olive's Mom
finishes tending to the fire and heads for the door. Olive
realizes something.

90 OLIVE 90
Wait, I think I know why the snow
is different today from yesterday.
It's a lot colder outside today.

91 ELINOR 91
Yeah... Yesterday was warmer, so
the snow was slushier and stickier.

92 OLIVE 92
But today it's colder, so the snow
stays fluffy and crumbly. That's
it!

93 ARI 93
We figured out the snow mystery!
YUSSF!

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ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE

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(singing)

*Elinor: Yesterday was warm,
And the snow could really stick
Olive: Today it is colder and
It doesn't stick a bit.*

*Ari: We'll bring the snow inside,
Where it's nice and toasty, then -
Elinor: We'll wait for it to melt a
bit, then take it out again*

ANGLE ON: The snow melting in the bucket. WIDEN TO REVEAL: Olive is watching, she grabs the bucket and runs over to Elinor, who swaps the slushy snow bucket for a bucket of fluffy cold snow. Olive runs back, and we follow Elinor as she goes outside. Outside the door, she exchanges the slushy bucket with Ari, who gives her a new bucket of cold snow. We follow Ari as he runs out and dumps the slushy snow bucket unto a pile near the snow giant. Then he scoops up another bucketful of fluffy snow and we repeat the cycle.

*ALL: Warm up the snow!
Warm up the snow!
Make the snow sticky
And we're good to go!
When snow is cold it's fluffy,
When it's warm it's slushy,
We can build anything
When we warm up the snow.*

SOON: Ari and Elinor are standing beside a good-sized pile of melty snow (maybe its a little bluer). Olive runs out in full winter gear, she scoops up a snowball - it works! Elinor takes it, puts it down and starts rolling, as the snowball gets bigger Ari and Olive join in.

*Elinor: Our Snow Friend isn't
finished
We have to make his head!
Olive: So if we can't use cold,
cold snow,
We'll warm it up instead.*

*ARI: When the snow gets wet. We'll
put it on our Friend
ELINOR: We'll make a good snowball
And use it for his head!*

Elinor lifts the snowball up to Olive who uses her trunk to lift it higher to Ari who's standing on the second ball supporting the head in place .

*ALL: Warm up the snow!
Warm up the snow!
We can build anything
When we warm up the snow!*

END MONTAGE:

7. EXT. OLIVE'S FRONT YARD - DAY

The kids are admiring their creation (Note: He doesn't have a face yet). <SFX: WOW WALLA>

103 OLIVE 103
Now that's what I call a GIANT snow
giant.

104 ELINOR 104
We figured out how to make him a
giant head - by warming up the
snow!

105 ARI 105
Now he's so big he could crush cars
and houses and mountains!!
 (he starts stomping
 around)
BOOOM! BOOM!!! BOOM!! BOOM!

Elinor and Olive look at each other and smile.

106 ELINOR 106
Uh, Ari, our Snow Giant would never
do that.

107 ARI 107
Why not?

108 OLIVE 108
He's friendly!

She stretches up her trunk and draws eyes and a big smile.
Ari shrugs.

109 ARI 109
Oh! O.k. That works too.

Ari flutters up and puts the bucket on the Snow Friend's head.

110 ARI (CONT'D) 110
How's it going, giant friendly Snow
Friend.

ANGLE ON: He perches on it's shoulder and gives the Snow Friend a hug.

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ARI (CONT'D)

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Awww. I think he really likes me.

Elinor and Olive <SFX: LAUGH> IRIS OUT, THE END