

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 122 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.)

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

SECONDARY: Ari's Mom, Olive's Mom.

LOCATIONS: Olives's house, interior and exterior, Elinor's room, Elinor 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 sunny, 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 wearing their light jackets, and no hats.

1 ELINOR 1
What a beautiful day!

Ari's attention is caught by the activity in the nearby field. 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...

ARI

And SNOW-BATS!!! Whooo-hooo!!

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

5 ELINOR 5
And everything's made out of snow.
That's soo cool!

6 ARI 6

Brrr. The snow feels COLD when you
lay down in it.

*
*

Ari hops up. Meanwhile, Olive picks up some snow with her trunk and forms a little snow-ball. *

7	OLIVE	7
	Wow! This is really great snowball	*
	snow.	*

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

8 ELINOR 8
Yeah, the slushy snow really sticks *
together... *

Elinor demo's her snow-ball rolling technique.

9	ELINOR (CONT'D)	9	
	And the snowball picks up even more snow when you roll it around!		*
10	ARI	10	
	(in awe)		
	Whoa. That snowball is making itself.		*
	Elinor rolls her snowball around and OS.		*
11	OLIVE	11	
	Elinor! Ari! Look at this...		*
	Olive has filled a plastic bucket with snow, she upends it.		*
12	OLIVE (CONT'D)	12	
	A snow-castle!		*
13	ARI	13	
	It's like we're at the snow-beach!		*
	At that moment Elinor accidentally rolls her snowball right into Ari.		*
14	ARI (CONT'D)	14	
	Whooooa!		*
	He does a little flip, lands perfectly in his snow bat (if that works for design), then bounces to his feet.		*
15	ARI (CONT'D)	15	
	Ta-dah! I meant to do that.		
16	OLIVE	16	
	(giggling)		
	Smooth move Ari.		
	He does a little bow.		
17	ARI	17	
	Thank you, thank you.		*
18	ELINOR	18	
	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.		
19	ARI	19	
	That IS a big snowball.		*

20	OLIVE	20	
	What are you going to do with it, Elinor?		
21	ELINOR	21	
	Hmmm, I'm not sure.		*
	THOUGHT BUBBLE - shows what Elinor is imagining her snowball, then it's joined by a second snowball, and a third. They assemble themselves into a classic snowman.		* * *
22	ELINOR (CONT'D)	22	
	<GASP!> I have an idea - let's make a SNOW FRIEND!		* * *
23	ARI	23	
	Not just any Snow Friend. The biggest snow friend EVER!!		*
QUICK SNOW-FRIEND MAKING MONTAGE			
	Elinor, Ari and Olive roll their first snowball 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 and 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.		*
24	OLIVE	24	
	That's the biggest Snow Friend I've ever seen!		*
25	ARI	25	
	It's a snow GIANT!! (movie music) Duh--duh-DUH!!!! (big voice) Here's the giant snow giant stomping around the WORLD! (MORE)		*

ARI (CONT'D)
(Ari stomps around)
Boom-boom-BOOM!

26 OLIVE 26
Uh, Ari...

27 ARI 27
What?

28 ELINOR 28
(giggling)
Our Snow Giant can't stomp anywhere yet.

29 OLIVE 29
(laughing)
He doesn't have a head, so he can't see where he's stomping. *

30 ARI 30
Oooh, good point. *

Suddenly Olive's Mom calls from OS. *

31 OLIVE'S MOM (O.S.) 31
Oooolive! Time to come in for dinner!

32 OLIVE 32
(calling)
OK Mom, be right there!! *

33 ELINOR 33
I'd better go home too.

34 ARI 34
Wait, what? We can't leave! Our snow giant is headless! *

35 OLIVE 35
We'll finish it tomorrow, Ari. *

36 ELINOR 36
Promise! *

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

Ari flies out of bed and to the window. *

37 ARI 37
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.

38	ARI'S MOM	38	*
	What's the rush, Ari?		*

39	ARI	39	*
	I have to get to Olive's house,		*
	Mom. We're making a SNOW GIANT!		*

40	ARI'S MOM	40	*
	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 -		*
	that's why it snowed.		

Ari flutters OS. *

41	ARI	41	*
	Oh. Okay, mom. Bye.		*

4. EXT. OLIVE'S HOUSE - DAY

Elinor, Ari and Olive (all in winter gear) run OS from different directions. *

42	OLIVE	42	*
	Hey guys! Whoaaa! Look at all the		*
	FLUFFY snow!!!		

43	ARI	43	
	We can make our snow giant THREE		
	heads.		

44	ELINOR	44	*
	(giggle)		*
	We only need one head for now, Ari.		

45	OLIVE	45	*
	I'll start the snowball.		

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

46	OLIVE (CONT'D)	46	
	Oh! Better try that again.		

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

47	OLIVE (CONT'D)	47	
	That's weird. This NEW snow won't stick together - it just falls apart.		
48	ARI	48	*
	What's going on - why is the snow so different from yesterday?		
49	ELINOR	49	
	Hmmm. I'm not sure.		
	She picks up a mitt-full of snow. ECU: Of the powdery pile of snow in Elinor's mitt.		
50	ELINOR (CONT'D)	50	
	It LOOKS pretty much the same.		
51	OLIVE	51	*
	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.		*
			*
52	ARI	52	*
	Hmmm. Let me try. Maybe you just have to squeeze harder.		*
	Ari grabs a handful of snow in his mitts and starts squeezing it with all his might.		*
			*
53	ARI (CONT'D)	53	*
	RRRRRRRR. Come on snowball, let me make you. RRRRRRR!		*
	Ari's really getting into it, Olive and Elinor watch him for a beat.		*
			*
54	OLIVE	54	*
	Is it working?		*
55	ARI	55	*
	(with effort)		*
	I...think...soo....		*
	Ari opens his mitts, the snow just falls to the ground.		*
56	ARI (CONT'D)	56	*
	Or...not.		*
57	ELINOR	57	*
	Maybe this just isn't snowball snow.		*
			*

58	OLIVE	58	*
	I wonder if it's snow castle snow.		*
	Olive picks up her bucket and fills it up, she's about to		*
	upend it when...		*
59	ARI	59	*
	Wait! Maybe our Snow-friend would		*
	like a snow-castle HEAD.		*
60	ELINOR	60	*
	Oooh, great idea, Ari.		*
	Ari flies up an upends the bucket on the top of the snow-		*
	friend. The snow just rolls off.		*
61	ARI	61	*
	Nope. I guess this isn't snow		*
	castle snow either.		*
62	OLIVE	62	*
	Hmmm. Maybe if I pack the snow down		*
	a little more...		*
	Olive fills her bucket, but just at that moment Olive's Mom		*
	calls from the front door.		*
63	OLIVE'S MOM	63	*
	Hey kids, who's ready for some hot		*
	chocolate?		*
64	ARI	64	*
	<GASP> Hot chocolate!		*
65	ELINOR	65	*
	We are!		*
66	OLIVE	66	*
	Coming Mom!!		*
	The kids run to the house <NOTE: Olive keeps her bucket>		*
	5. INT. OLIVE'S HOUSE (ENTRANCE) - DAY		*
	Olive, Ari and Elinor enter. <NOTE: Olive bucket is filled		*
	past the brim with fluffy snow>.		*
67	OLIVE	67	*
	Whew, it's nice to be inside where		*
	it's warm.		*

68	ARI	68	*
	Yeah, I was getting a little cold out there.		*
69	ELINOR	69	*
	Olive, look! You still have the bucket of snow.		*
70	OLIVE	70	*
	(laughing)		*
	Whoops, I forgot I had it.		*
	(to the bucket)		*
	Hi little bucket of snow, would you like to see my house?		*
71	ARI	71	*
	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.			*
72	ELINOR	72	
	Oooh, this is cozy.		
73	OLIVE	73	
	Thanks, Mom!		
74	OLIVE'S MOM	74	
	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.			*
75	ELINOR	75	
	I wonder why that snow outside didn't stick together today?		*
76	ARI	76	
	It sure stuck yesterday.		*
77	ELINOR	77	
	Hmmm, that's true. What's the difference between today and yesterday?		*
78	ARI	78	*
	I dunno. What do you say, bucket of snow?		*

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

79	ARI (CONT'D)	79	*
	He doesn't say much.		*

80	OLIVE	80
	Well one thing is for sure, it's a	
	lot colder today. I had to wear my	*
	heavy snow clothes outside.	

81	ARI	81	*
	It IS a lot colder. My Mom said		*
	that's why it snowed.		*

82	OLIVE	82	*
	Luckily 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!		*

ANGLE ON: The snow is now below the rim of the bucket. *

83	OLIVE (CONT'D)	83	*
	The bucket used to be filled right		*
	to the top. But now it's not.		*

84	ARI	84	*
	<GASP!> The snow is SHRINKING!		*

85	ELINOR	85	*
	That's sooo interesting. We need		*
	MORE observations.		*

SCIENCE ECU: Elinor examines the snow. *

86	ELINOR (CONT'D)	86	*
	The snow looks a little different.		*

87	ARI	87	*
	Yeah, there's a bit of water in		*
	there now.		*

Elinor touches the snow. *

88 ELINOR 88
It feels different too - it's wet *
and slushy. *

Olive's Mom walks by with a basket of laundry. *

89	OLIVE'S MOM	89	*
	Careful with that snow, Olive. If		*
	it gets too warm it'll melt and you		*
	might spill water on the couch.		*
	Olive looks at her friends.		*
90	OLIVE	90	*
	So THAT's what's happening. The		*
	snow is getting warm...		*
91	ARI	91	*
	And melting.		*
92	ELINOR	92	*
	And it was warm outside yesterday.		*
	Maybe that's the difference.		*
93	OLIVE	93	*
	Well, if this snow is like the snow		*
	yesterday because it got warm and		*
	melted then...		*
	Olive uses her trunk to make a snowball.		*
94	OLIVE (CONT'D)	94	*
	Yes! Perfect snowball snow.		*
95	ELINOR	95	*
	(realizing)		*
	Wait a minute...that's IT! If		*
	we're gonna finish our Snow Giant,		*
	we need to warm up the snow.		*
96	ARI	96	*
	So what do we do? Build our Snow		
	Giant in the house?		
	THOUGHT BUBBLE shows the Snow Giant in the house. The kids		*
	are putting the head in place, it barely fits - bumping the		*
	ceiling.		*
97	OLIVE	97	
	Maybe, but it's pretty big.		
98	ELINOR	98	
	Besides, it's really warm in here		
	compared to outside. Our Snow Giant		
	would melt completely.		*
	THOUGHT BUBBLE: Shows the Snow Giant melting, then the bubble		
	POPS!		

99 ARI 99
That's no good.

100 ELINOR 100
We have to warm up the snow just a
little bit. HMMMMMM. <GASP> I've
got it!!
(inaudible whispering to
Ari and Olive)

Olive and Ari break into big smiles.

101 OLIVE 101
That'll work.

102 ARI 102
Let's do it.

BUCKET BRIGADE MONTAGE:

A quick montage of Elinor, Ari and Olive forming a bucket
brigade of play pails to warm up the snow. Elinor and Ari
are outside, while Olive remains at the door. Ari scoops up
snow in a bucket, hands it to Elinor who runs to Olive, Olive
takes the snow inside and puts it near (but not too near) the
fire.

103 ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE 103
(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 buckets. WIDEN TO REVEAL:
Olive is watching, she grabs the two buckets and runs to the
door and opens it. Ari's there with two MORE buckets of snow,
they exchange buckets, and Olive closes the door and runs
back to the fire.

*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 powder,
When it's warm it's slush,
We can build anything
When we warm up the snow.*

OUTSIDE: 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 snow gets wet and sticky
We can make a good snowball,
Elinor: Then put it on our Snow
Friend*

Ari flutters up with the head and balances it in place.

Wow, he's really tall!

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When we warm up the snow*

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*

END MONTAGE:

7. EXT. OLIVE'S FRONT YARD - DAY

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The kids are admiring their creation (Note: He doesn't have a face yet).

104	ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE	104
	Woooooow!	
105	ELINOR	105
	Now that's what I call a GIANT snow giant.	
106	ARI	106
	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.

107 ELINOR 107
Uh, Ari, our Snow Giant would never
do that.

108	ARI	108
	Why not?	

109 OLIVE 109
He's friendly!

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

110	ARI	110
	Oh! O.k. That works too.	

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

111 ARI (CONT'D) 111
How's it going, giant friendly Snow
Friend.

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

[illegible]

Elinor and Olive <SFX: LAUGH>

IRIS OUT, THE END *