Name: _____ Date: _____

Winter Animal Detective

Follow the Clues • Solve the Mystery

Observe
Compare
Think
Solve!

Animals leave clues in the snow! Tracks, food, habitats, and adaptations can help us figure out who has been here.

Use the clues in each row to identify the mystery animal.
Write the animal's name in the box. Choose from the animals below.

Tracks Clues


Round paws


Narrow, pointed hooves


Long back feet


Bird tracks

Food Clues


Nuts & seeds


Berries


Leaves & twigs


Small animals

Habitat Clues


Forests


Near water


Mountains


Fields

Adaptation Clues


Thick fur


Wide feet


Hibernates


Camouflage

	Tracks	Food	Habitat	Adaptations	My Answer (Animal Name)
1				• Thick white coat • Strong back legs • Camouflage	
2				• Thick fur • Excellent hearing • Can climb and jump	
3				• Large body • Narrow, pointed hooves • Thick coat	
4				• Feathers for warmth • Can fly • Changes food sources	
5				• Thick fur • Hibernates • Strong claws	

Animal Choices


Bear


Snowshoe Hare


Fox


Deer


Cardinal

Think Like a Scientist

- What clues were most helpful?
- How do these adaptations help the animal survive winter?
- What other animals might live in your area?
- How could you find clues outside?

Good Tidings, where reading feels like fun.