Free winter stories for kids

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Peabody has 13 free winter stories for kids, set in snow and cold weather. They run from levels 4 to 17 and each opens at once with no sign-up. The table shows every story's level and length, so a grown-up can pick one that fits the reader. Free through the end of 2026.

- Story: Lou and the Snow Dad · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 81
- Story: The Bear Who Could Not Sleep · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 242
- Story: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 676
- Story: The Frog That Freezes · Level: Level 8 · Kind: True story · Words: 441
- Story: Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 557
- Story: Snow White · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,697
- Story: Snow White and Rose Red · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 889
- Story: Davy Crockett and the Frozen Sunrise · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 993
- Story: Anchor Leg · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,796
- Story: The Snow Fort Treaty · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,606
- Story: Persephone and the Seasons · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,342
- Story: The Thirteenth Stop · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,630
- Story: The Winter Count · Level: Level 17 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,149

Picking one for your child

Every story here is sorted by Peabody's reading level, which is worked out from the text and never from the child. A lower level means shorter sentences and easier words, so start where your child can read about half of a story alone and read the rest together. If it is too hard, go down a level. If they race through it, go up.

For the youngest readers

1 are at level 4: Lou and the Snow Dad. These suit a child just learning to read, or a grown-up reading aloud.

For growing readers

7 are at levels 6 to 9: The Bear Who Could Not Sleep, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, The Frog That Freezes, Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting, Snow White, Snow White and Rose Red and more. Longer stories, with more going on in each one.

For confident readers

5 are at levels 10 to 17: Anchor Leg, The Snow Fort Treaty, Persephone and the Seasons, The Thirteenth Stop and The Winter Count. These are for children who read chapters and longer passages on their own.

Reading them together

A grown-up can read any of these aloud from a phone or tablet, one page at a time, and a child who reads can take over. Where a device can speak, the story page has a Read to me button that reads each page aloud in the device's own voice. Every story page has a Print link too, if you would rather read on paper.

More free stories

- The whole library: free stories by reading level, no account needed.
- Classic stories retold short: fables, fairy tales, myths and legends.
- Free Christmas stories for kids
- Free short bedtime stories for kids
- Free beginning reader books for kids just learning to read
- Free nonfiction books for kids, one topic at three levels
- By level: Level 4 · Level 6 · Level 8 · Level 9 · Level 10 · Level 11 · Level 13 · Level 17

Questions parents ask

What reading level are these winter stories?

They run across levels 4 to 17. Peabody works each level out from the story's text: how long the sentences are, how many words fit on a screen and how common the words are. The table shows the level of every story, so you can pick a lower or a higher one.

Are any of these stories scary?

None carries a mark above gentle, and none is on the scary stories shelf. The short description on each story's page says what it covers, so read it first if your child is sensitive.

Do the stories cost anything?

No. Every story on this page is free to read through the end of 2026, with no account and no card.

Free at peabody.kids/winter-stories-for-kids