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## Comprehension QUEST #4

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### The Snowman Builders

The wind whistled softly through the bare branches as three brothers trudged through their backyard, bundled in coats and scarves. The sky was pale gray, heavy with the promise of more snow. Michael, the eldest, led the way, carrying a battered carrot in one gloved hand. Behind him, eight-year-old Jamie pushed a sled filled with odds and ends: two coal pieces for eyes, an old hat, and a scarf with frayed edges. Six-year-old Ben followed with a tin of buttons he had snuck from the sewing basket, clutching it as though it were treasure.

“Over here!” Michael called, stopping in a patch of smooth, untouched snow. The boys grinned. This was the perfect spot.

They began rolling the snow, starting with a small ball that grew heavier with each turn. Michael worked on the base, grunting as he pushed the massive snowball into place. Jamie crafted the middle section, carefully smoothing the sides with his mittens. Ben, too small to roll snow, busied himself collecting sticks for arms and searching for stones for the mouth.

By the time the snowman was assembled, it towered over them. Michael climbed onto the sled to balance the middle section on the base, while Jamie steadied it with all his might. “Careful, Michael!” Jamie warned as the snow wobbled slightly. Finally, Ben reached up on tiptoes to place the carrot nose and coal eyes. They stepped back to admire their work.

“He’s missing something,” Ben said. He rummaged through the tin of buttons and carefully placed them down the snowman’s chest. “Now he looks proper,” he declared.

The boys threw out names—Jamie suggested “Sir Frost,” while Ben thought “Captain Cold” was better. After much debate, they settled on “Commander Snow.” As the first flakes of a new snowfall drifted from the sky, the brothers waved goodbye to their snowman and headed inside. The snowman stood proudly in the yard, his coal eyes watching as the boys disappeared into the warm glow of their house.

For the brothers, Commander Snow was their proud creation, *and* he was a memory of teamwork and laughter— one that would last long after the snow had melted.

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 **Short Answer QUEST #4**   
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**Directions:** Answer the questions to show comprehension after reading the passage.

1. What items did the brothers bring to decorate the snowman?

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2. How did each brother contribute to building the snowman?

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3. How does the author describe the setting to create a wintery mood?

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4. Why did the brothers feel proud of their snowman?

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5. What does the snowman represent to the brothers?

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## Multiple Choice QUEST #4

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**Directions:** Choose the best answer for each comprehension question after reading.

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- A. It was close to the house.
- B. It was the only place with enough sunlight.
- C. It was where their last snowman stood.
- D. It was the perfect spot for rolling snow.

**2. How does the author show that Ben is the youngest brother?**

- A. He suggests the best name for the snowman.
- B. He is too small to roll the snow but collects sticks and buttons.
- C. He leads the way to the snowman-building spot.
- D. He carries the carrot nose for the snowman.

**3. Which detail best shows the brothers' teamwork while building the snowman?**

- A. Michael climbed onto the sled to position the middle section.
- B. Jamie suggested the name "Sir Frost" for the snowman.
- C. Ben placed the carrot nose and coal eyes on the snowman.
- D. The brothers worked together to roll the snowballs and steady the sections.

**4. Which word best describes how the brothers felt after naming the snowman "Commander Snow"?**

- A. Proud
- B. Nervous
- C. Curious
- D. Lonely

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