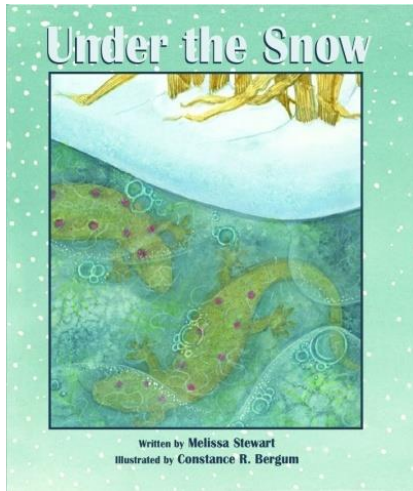


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Voice in Informational Text

Use parts of the calm, soothing text from *Under the Snow* to write a piece with an excited, playful voice.



In the heart of winter, a deep layer of snow blankets fields and forests, ponds and wetlands.

Under the snow lies a hidden world.

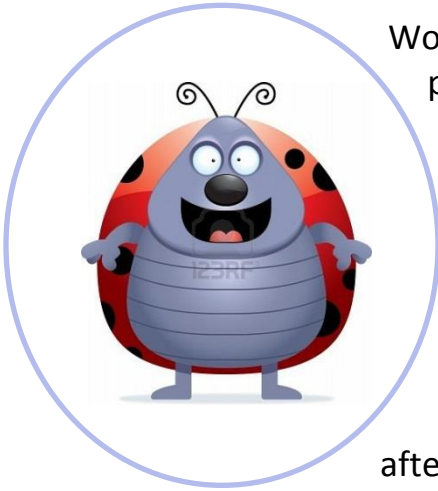
Dozens of ladybugs pack themselves into a gap in an old stone wall.

Voles spend their days tunneling through the snow.

A wood frog nestles in scattered leaves on the forest floor. It can freeze solid and still survive.

Buried in the mud, a frog and a turtle wait out the winter. They never move and they barely breathe.

Sample Answer



Would you believe that ladybugs spend the whole winter packed into stone walls—thousands of them crammed into one crack.

And that's not all. There's all kinds of secret stuff happening in the winter world. Wood frogs can freeze solid and still survive. Turtles lie in the mud and hardly breathe.

Wow, I'm going to go outside and take a look around after school.