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## Winter Surprise

## By Guy Belleranti

We built a big snowman
Then went in for the night
To sip some hot cocoa By the warm firelight.

A little bit later
Noises came through the door.
They were loud and spooky.
They went, "SNORTY, SNORT, SNORE!"

"That sounds like a monster!"
My little brother cried.
I tip-toed to the door.
My family watched wide-eyed.
"SNORTY, SNORE! SNORTY, SNORE!"
The sounds bellowed and boomed.
I jumped backwards three feet
Feeling sure we were doomed.
But then, really quickly,
It was quiet once more.
I regained my courage
And pulled open the door.
I heard gasps, felt cold air,
And blinked both of my eyes.
Our snowman was snoring-
What a winter surprise!
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1. In the first stanza of the poem, which two words rhyme with bright? and $\qquad$
2. How does the narrator describe the noises coming from outside?
a. wacky and weird
b. loud and spooky
c. silly and strange
d. friendly and cheerful

3. Ailiteration is the repetition of consonant sounds, such as in the following example: "bouncing baby bunnies."

Choose an example of alliteration from the poem and write it here:
4. How does the narrator feel when he hears the noises?
a. He is afraid.
b. He is annoyed.
c. He is curious.
d. He is happy.
5. What is the surprise at the end of the poem?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.


1. hot cocoa

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- the glow from the light of $a$ flame

2. bellowed

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3. firelight

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- a scary creature
- bravery
- a rich chocolate drink you can top with marshmallows and whipped cream

5. courage

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- opened and closed one's eyes

6. monster

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4. blinked

- made a loud roaring sound

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