

Weekly Concept **Weather Together**



Essential Question

How can weather affect us?



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Snow Day!



Talk About It

What are these people doing differently in the snow?

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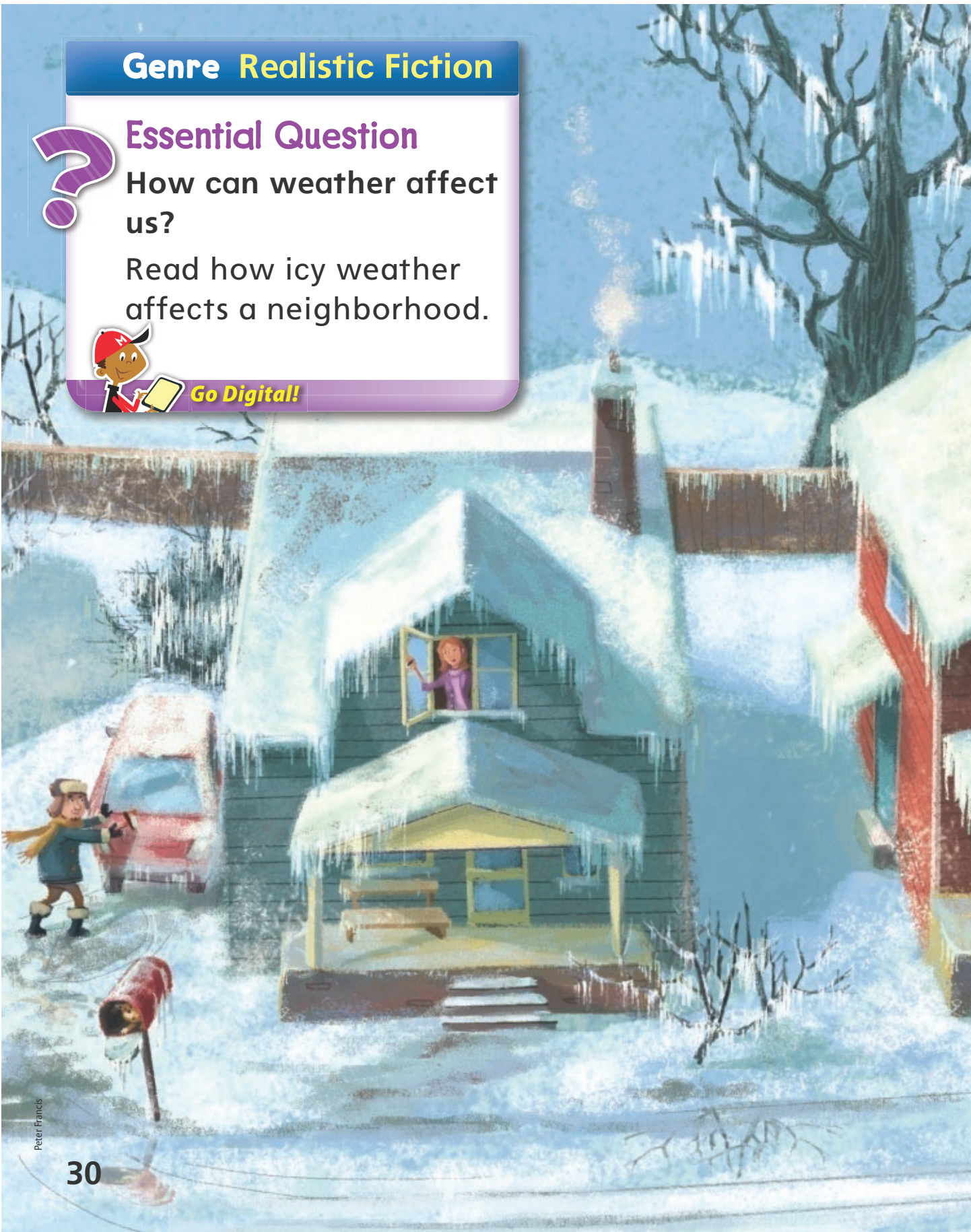
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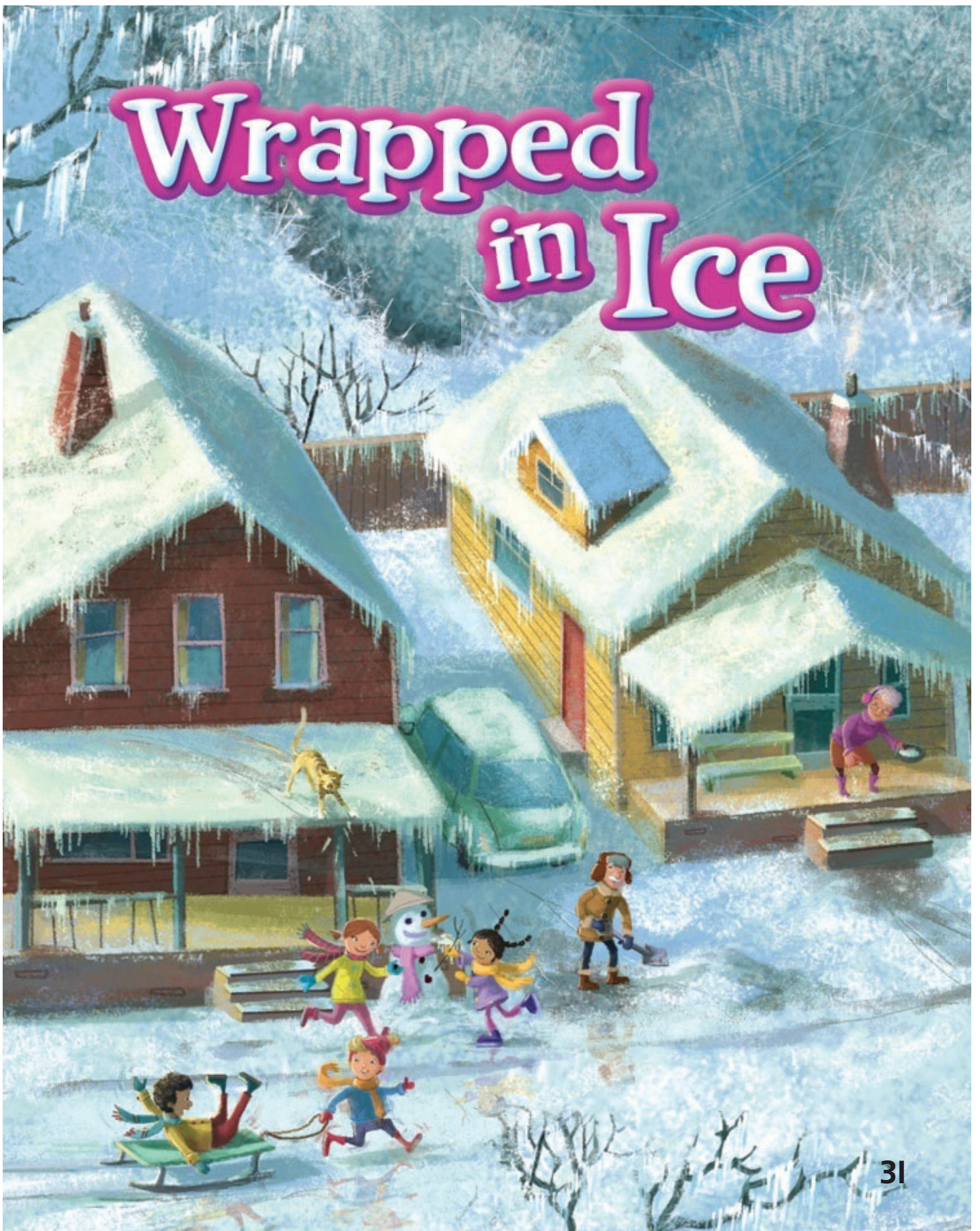
Read how icy weather affects a neighborhood.



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Wrapped in Ice



The sound of something hitting the window woke Kim up. *Ping! Ping, ping!* “What’s that?” Kim asked herself.

Kim peeked outside. The trees were coated with ice. The yard sparkled. The driveway was like a skating rink. Even the car was wrapped in an icy design.





“Mom, why is everything covered in ice?” Kim wanted to know.

“That’s a good **question**,” said Mom. “Good thing I’m a science teacher! It’s raining. But the air is very cold. So the raindrops freeze when they land on cold surfaces like signs, trees, and roads.”

Mom turned on the TV weather. A reporter said, “A winter storm has hit this part of the **country**. Freezing rain is making streets and roads icy. We advise you to stay inside! **Children** can stay home. Schools will be closed.”

“We have a snow day!” cried Kim.

“You mean an ice day!” laughed Mom.





Suddenly, all the lights went out!

“I guess some icy tree branches broke,” said Mom. “They must have knocked down power lines. We won’t have any power until the lines are fixed.”

Kim looked worried. But Mom said, “Let’s just pretend we are camping!”

Mom lit the logs in the fireplace. Kim got flashlights. They played lots of games. It was fun to eat **their** lunch by the fire.

Then Mom said, "Listen!" The *ping, ping, ping* had stopped!

"The storm must be over!" cried Kim.





Up and down the street, people came outside. There was so much to do. Everyone worked together. They put sand on the walks. They broke up the ice. Noses got red. Br-r-r-r! The air was very cold.

“I made a fire in the fireplace,” Mom called out. “Come in and warm up!”

Neighbors came with flashlights and snacks. Ms. Knox brought cider. Mr. Wright told about the **year** it snowed in the **month** of May. Kim told knock-knock jokes.

“It’s nice when everyone **gathers** together,” said Mom.



Just then, the lights came on. Everyone cheered.

“It’s **been** a big day!” smiled Mom.

“We were lucky to be cozy and safe.”

“We are lucky to have such nice neighbors, too,” said Kim. “We turned an ice day into an ice party!”



Make Connections



How does icy weather change Kim and her neighborhood?

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