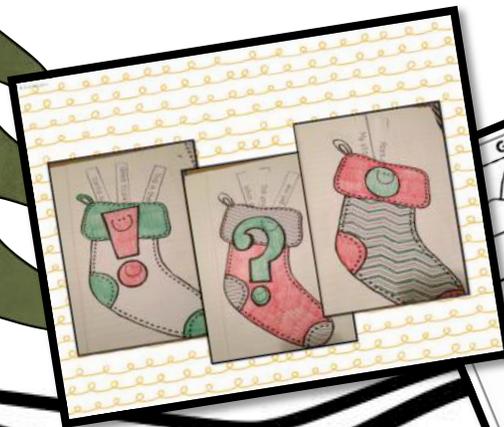


# DECEMBER INTERACTIVE POETRY NOTEBOOK

*By Erin Waters*



**Guess My Gift**

Clue #1	Clue #2
Clue #3	Clue #4



**Green Magic**  
Evergreen, evergreen, standing tall  
Needles of green that never fall  
Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall  
Your needles will stay green through it all  
Evergreen, evergreen, please do say  
Why you stay bright green all night and day  
Are you under a magic spell?  
Or is it nature, doing a job so well?

Winter Plants & Animals • Winter Holidays • Christmas • Snow

**Interactive Poetry Notebook:**  
**December Themes**

Theme 1: Christmas

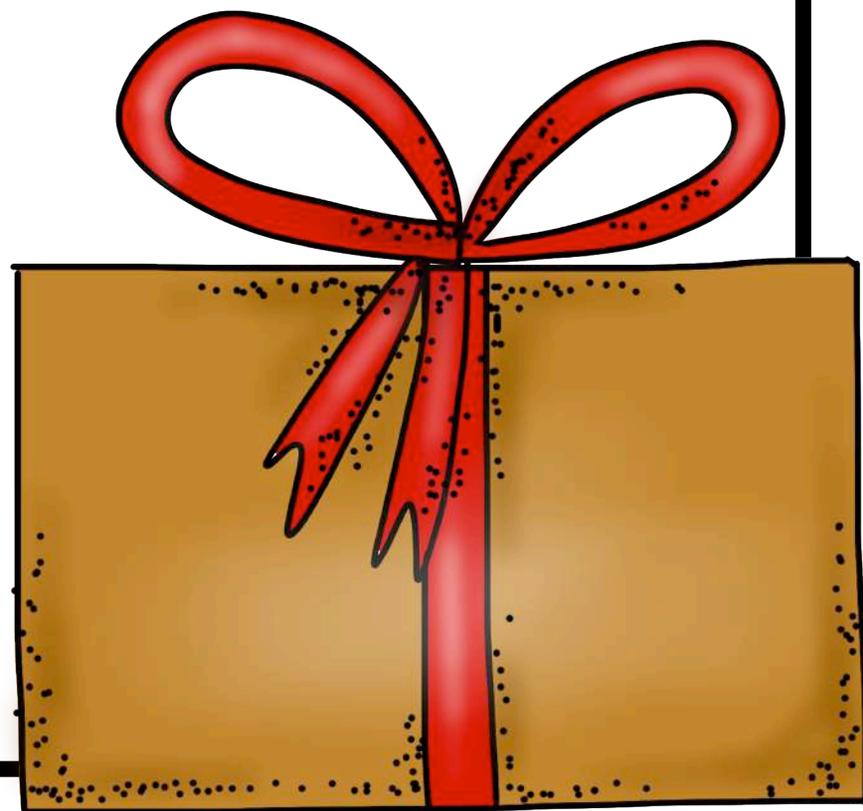
Theme 2: Fun in the Snow

Theme 3: Winter Plants &  
Animals

Theme 4: Winter Holidays  
Around the World

# Skills Covered

- Compound Words
- Antonyms
- Making lists
- Classifying objects
- Building vocabulary
- Giving opinion and justifying opinion
- Summarizing poem
- Responding to a prompt
- Verbs
- Visualization
- -ound word family
- -are/-air word families
- -gh word families
- -ll word families
- -ou & -ow word families
- Sequential writing (How-To)
- Adding -ed to words
- Using appropriate end punctuation
- Descriptive writing
- Making connections
- Adding -ing to root words
- Using thought bubbles
- -eep word family
- Rhyming



# What You Get

## I. For each week of poetry, you will receive:

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**Evergreen, Nevergreen**  
Arrange the words that mean the opposite of a word. Write the antonyms for the words in the table.

tall	
standing	
night	
never	

**Words**  
Write "ever" and "green" on a card. Write the words you can think of. Write.

Make a list of 7 words.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 \_\_\_\_\_

**POEM & 3 INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES**

**Words I Know**

**New Words**

Thi \_\_\_\_\_ em?

Kind of \_\_\_\_\_

**4 REFLECTIVE & VOCABULARY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

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**LARGE, WHOLE PAGE VERSION OF POEM**

Glue this side down

green

ever

GLUE

Fold along these lines after you cut

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**FOLDABLE WITH PHOTO & SIMPLE DIRECTIONS**



When finished, cut & paste into your poetry journal.

**Green Magic**  
Evergreens stay green all year round, even as everything else changes. What is something else that always stays the same and never changes? Use the sentence frame to write about it and draw a picture below.

I know that \_\_\_\_\_ stays the same because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING EXTENSION**



# 'Twas the Night Before



Tossing

Turning

I can't sleep

Trying not to make a peep.

I close my eyes,

Rest in my bed.

And thoughts of tomorrow dance in my head.

Come tomorrow, what will I see?

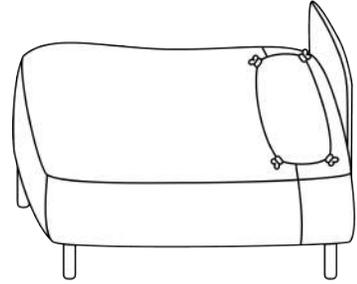
Only time will tell—

Now let me be!

# Thought Bubble

When it is hard for you to sleep, what things do you think about?

Draw a picture of yourself in the bed and illustrate your nighttime thoughts in the thought bubble.



# Don't Make a Peep

What are some words that rhyme with *peep*? Write the words below and illustrate them.

_____	_____
_____	_____

# Dream-ing of Tomorrow

When you add -ing to a root word, it means you are *doing* something. Find the 3 -ing words in the poem and write them on the lines. Then, write your OWN -ing word and illustrate it.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Words I Know

# New Words



This poem is about.

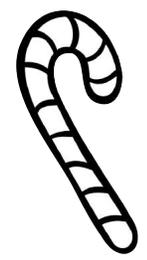
Do you like this poem?

Yes

No

Kind of

because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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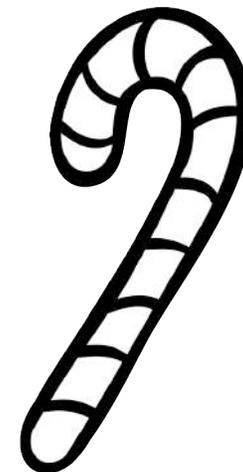
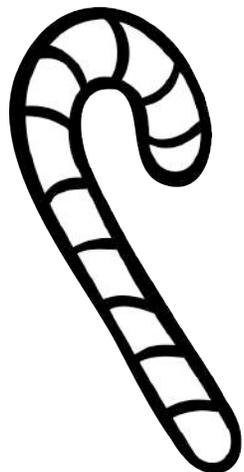
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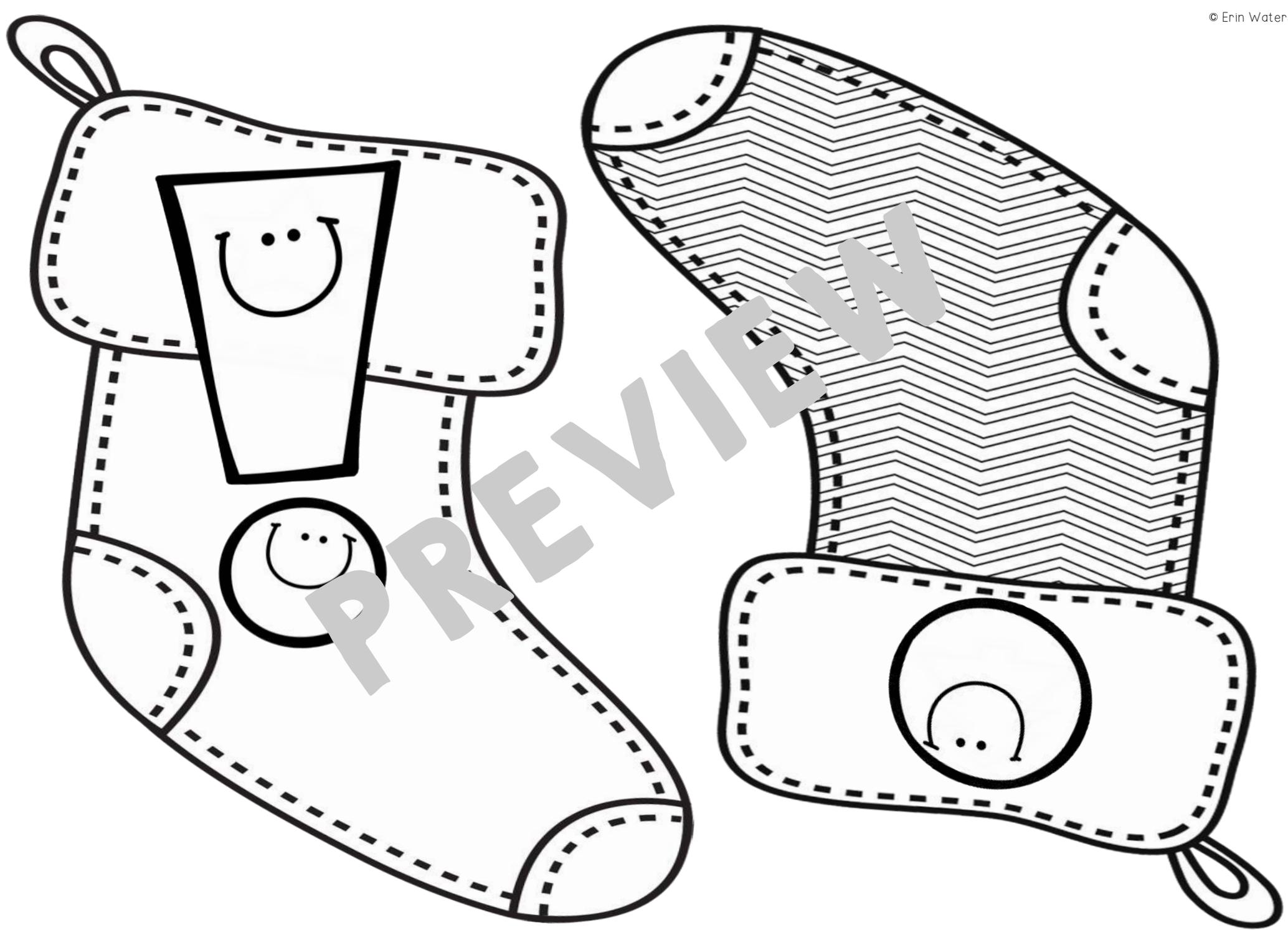
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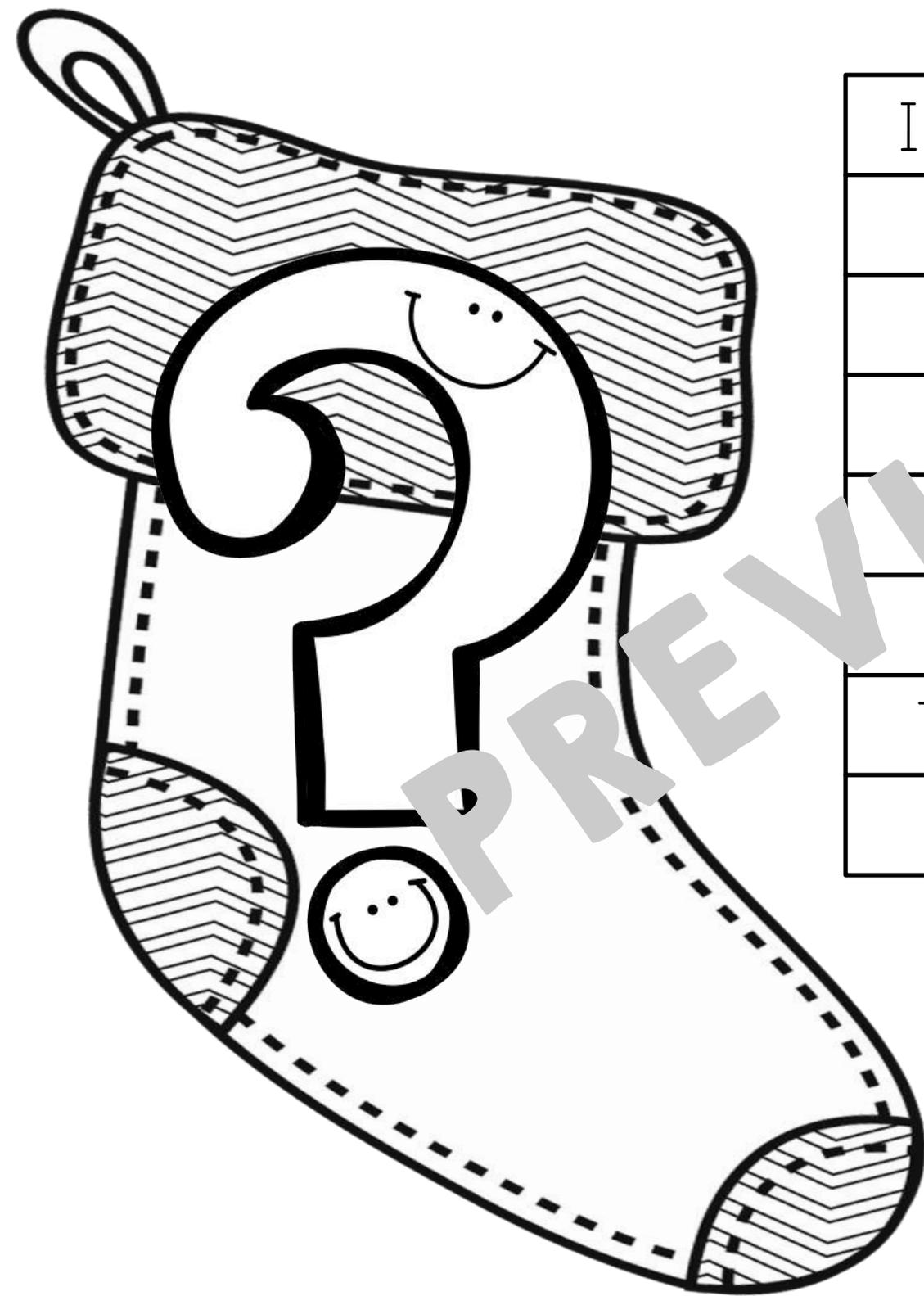
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Cut out each stocking along its solid line edge. Glue each stocking into your notebook by placing glue around the entire edge EXCEPT at the tops of the stockings. Once stockings are glued, cut out the sentence strips and place them in each stocking to match the punctuation needed in each sentence. See photo for example.



I am too excited to sleep

What did you get me

Santa is coming soon

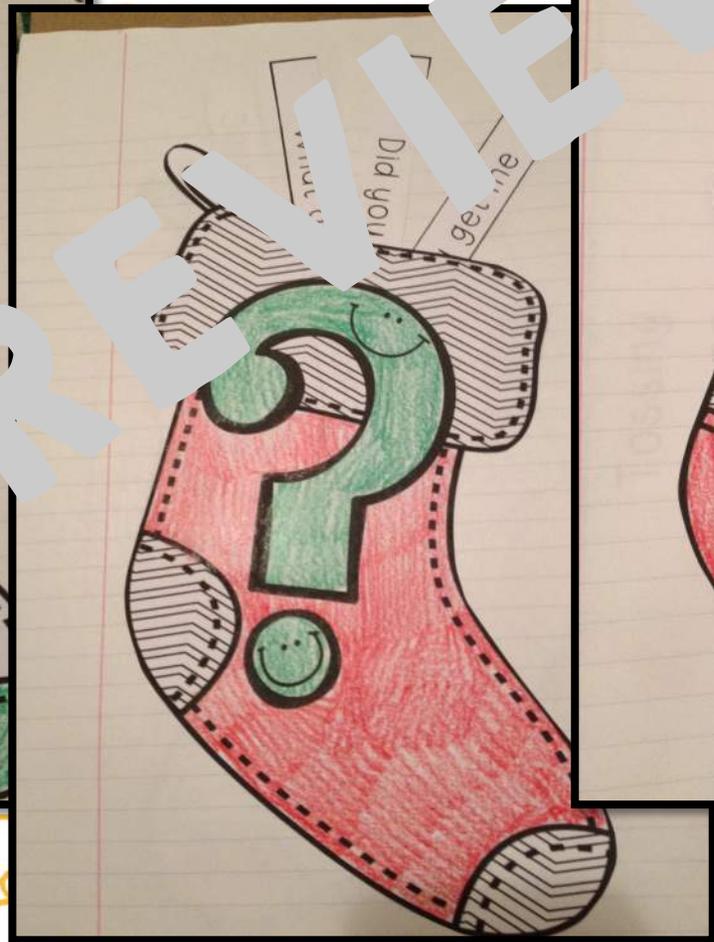
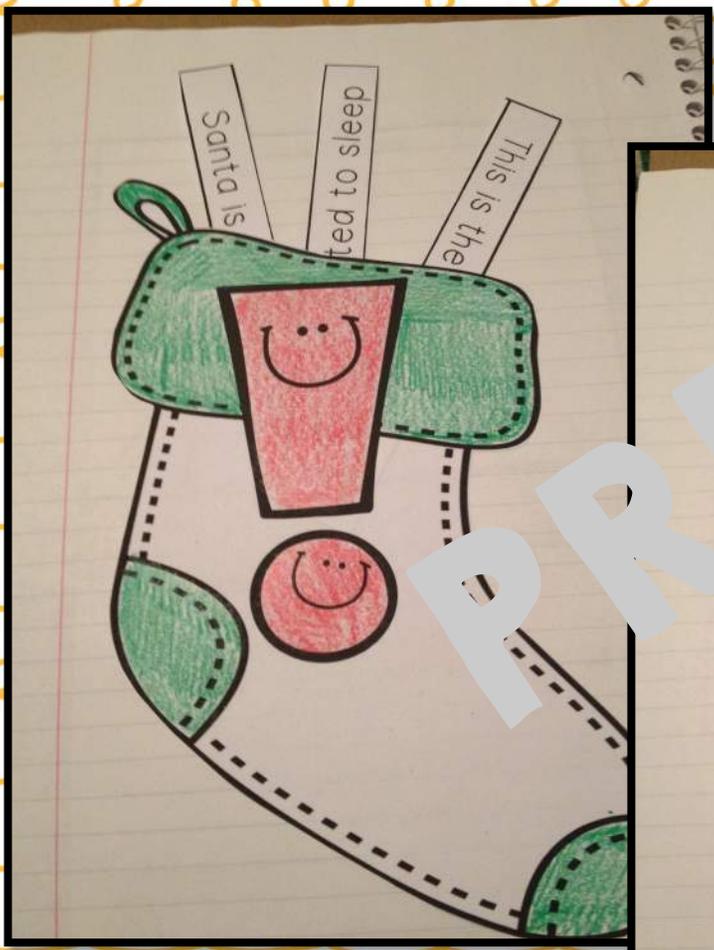
Did you hear that

It is Thursday.

My stocking is red

This is the best day ever

What are you doing



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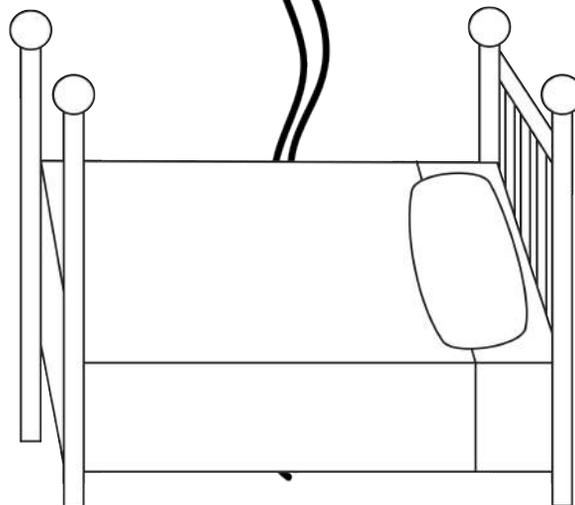
## **'Twas the Night Before**

Think about a time when you had trouble falling asleep. Why was it hard? How did you feel? How did you solve the problem?

One time, it was hard for me to  
fall asleep because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I solved the problem when I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PREVIEW



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