

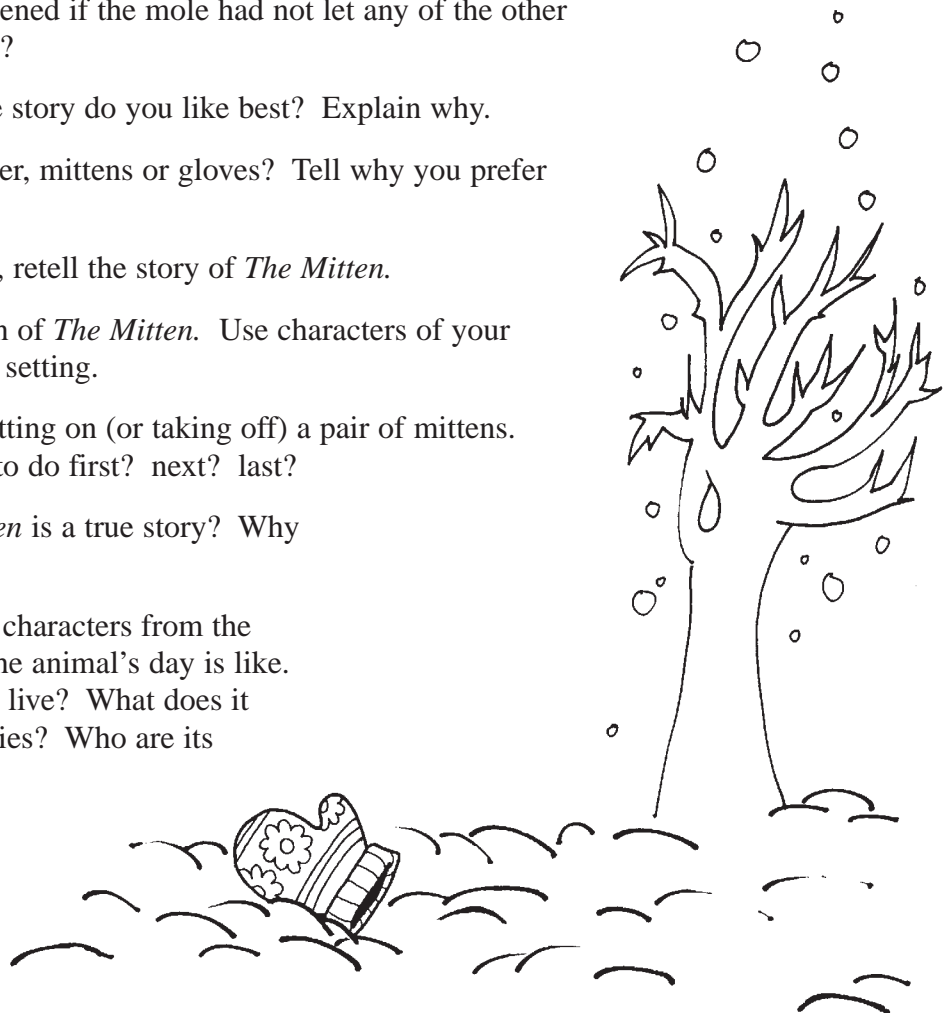
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# Journal Writing Topics

*The Mitten* is a great story to use to spark students' interest in writing. Here are some writing prompts that you might want to give to your students. Select a prompt and brainstorm with the students a list of ideas related to the topic. The students can write on their own, with a partner, in a group, or even as a whole class!

- If you live in an area where it sometimes snows, are white mittens a good choice? Why or why not?
- Describe the perfect kind of mittens. Of what are they made? What special qualities do they have?
- Why do you think Nicki wanted white mittens?
- How come Nicki did not notice that he had dropped one of the mittens on that cold, wintry day?
- How was it possible for all of the animals to fit into the mitten?
- Many of the animals who went into the mitten to get warm are natural enemies of one another. How come the animals in the mitten never fought with one another? How come none of the animals were ever frightened by one another?
- What would have happened if the mole had not let any of the other animals into the mitten?
- Which animal from the story do you like best? Explain why.
- Which do you like better, mittens or gloves? Tell why you prefer one over the other.
- Using your own words, retell the story of *The Mitten*.
- Write your own version of *The Mitten*. Use characters of your choice, and change the setting.
- Write directions for putting on (or taking off) a pair of mittens. What would you have to do first? next? last?
- Do you think *The Mitten* is a true story? Why or why not?
- Pick one of the animal characters from the story. Describe what the animal's day is like. Where does the animal live? What does it eat? Who are its enemies? Who are its friends?



# Mitten Chants and Songs

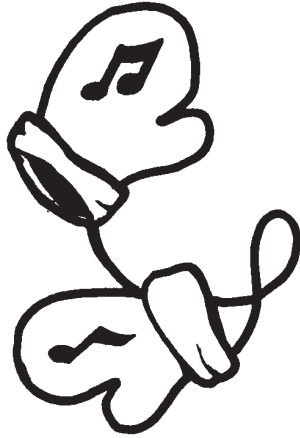
## “I Love Mittens!”

I love mittens!  
Mittens that are big,  
Mittens that are small,  
Mittens that are tiny—  
I love them all!

I love mittens!  
Mittens that are red,  
Mittens that are blue,  
Mittens that are purple,  
Mittens of every hue!

I love mittens!  
Mittens that are soft,  
Mittens that are rough,  
Mittens that are bumpy—  
I just can't get enough!

I love mittens!



## “Mittens” a chant

Mittens can be red.  
Mittens can be orange.  
Mittens can be yellow.  
Mittens can be green.  
Mittens can be blue.  
Mittens can be purple.  
Mittens can be a rainbow!



## “Counting Mittens” a chant

One mitten, two mittens, three mittens, four,  
Five mittens, six mittens, seven mittens,  
more,  
Eight mittens, nine mittens, ten mittens  
galore,  
We have mittens, mittens by the score!

## “Mitten, Mitten”

*Sung to the tune of  
“Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”*

Mitten, mitten, where are you?  
I have one.  
I used to have two.  
Up in the hay loft I did check.  
Found nothing there  
but a stick.  
Mitten, mitten, where are you?  
I have one.  
I used to have two.



## “Ten Little Mittens”

*Sung to the tune of “Ten Little Indians”*

One little, two little, three little mittens,  
Four little, five little, six little mittens,  
Seven little, eight little, nine little mittens,  
Ten little mittens in our class.  
Red ones, orange ones, blue ones too,  
Brown ones, green ones, pink ones too,  
Gray ones, white ones, yellow ones too,  
Ten little mittens in our class.

## “Have You Ever Seen My Mittens?”

*Sung to the tune of  
“Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?”*

Have you ever seen my mittens?  
My mittens? My mittens?  
Have you ever seen my mittens?  
I dropped them somewhere.  
I checked in my pockets.  
I checked in my jacket.  
Have you ever seen my mittens?  
I dropped them somewhere.

