

The snowman – Raymond Briggs

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Before reading

About this book

A boy creates a snowman. When he lies in bed, he thinks about how the snowman comes to life. They are back home before the sun rises and when the boy comes outside, the snowman has melted.



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- Describe how the boy creates a snowman.
- How come the snowman melts at the end?
- Suppose you are the snowman. What in your home would you like and what wouldn't you like?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

The boy and the snowman meet. What do they say?

The boy shows the snowman around the house. Choose which part you play: what does the boy say and what does the snowman say?

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

English	Dutch	English	Dutch
greetings	groeten	the snowman	de sneeuwman
turn on/turn off the light	het licht aandoen/ uitdoen	the flashlight	de zaklamp
warm/cold	warm/koud	the ice cubes	de ijsklontjes
to set the table	de tafel dekken	the palace	het paleis
to clear the table	de tafel afruimen	to melt	smelten
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

Have you ever shown someone your house or room? Tell me what happened. What did you want to show them?

Have you ever played in the snow? What did you do and how exactly did that go?

Do an activity together

We're going to build a snowman! What do we wear when we go outside? And what do we need to build the snowman? How do we make a snowman?