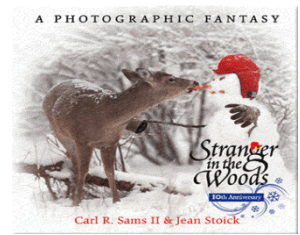




# Stranger In The Woods

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This cute story is told from the perspective of the animals in the woods when they realize something strange has entered their territory. The search and explore only to realize it is a nice stranger.

## Before:

Introduce this story to the children by telling them a little bit about it. Focus on the cover and use it to create questions to help gain their interest. Using an "I wonder" question is a good way to do this, "I wonder if the deer really took the carrot from the snowman's head?"

## During:

While you are reading take time to pause and observe the illustrations and create questions. Talk about what the animals consider a stranger and how they communicate with each other even though they each make a different noise. Point out any "rare words" and help define them in a way that the children will understand best.

### Rare Words In *Stranger In The Woods*

<b>Daybreak:</b> the time in the morning when daylight first appears; dawn	<b>Boasted:</b> to talk with excessive pride
<b>Meadow:</b> piece of low grassland usually near a river	<b>Mourning:</b> expression of deep sorrow
<b>Rustling:</b> soft, muffled, crackling sound cause by dry leaves	<b>Pale:</b> light in colour or having little colour

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Why did some animals not want to go see who the stranger was?
- Why did some want to? What did they say to convince the others that they should go?
- What did they find with the snowman?
- Did they see the brother and sister?
- What did the fawn find lying in the snow after they "met" the snowman?



## Let's Talk About *Stranger in The Woods*

In the end of this story we find out that the stranger that the animals were afraid of was a brother and sister that were building a snowman and leaving food. What kind of foods do different animals like? Squirrels, deer, birds, etc. Have you ever been to a zoo where you were able to feed a wild animal? What kind of animal did you feed? If you could feed any animal, what would it be?

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## Finger Print Snow Globe

### What You Need:

- Black and blue construction paper
- Scissors and Glue
- White, Red, Orange, and Brown Finger Paint

### What To Do:

Cut a circle out of the blue construction paper to make the globe and use the black construction paper to make the base of the globe. Glue the blue circle onto the black base. Use your fingers to create a snowman winter seen on the blue snow globe, adding stick arms, a red scarf and a carrot nose! Be Creative.



## Winters Coming!

Sung to: "Frere Jacques"

Winter's coming. Winter's  
coming.  
It is dark. It is cold.  
I am bundled snug and warm.  
Animals sleep safe from harm.  
Sleds and snow.  
Cold winds blow.

## What's inside the kit ?

- Frosty The Snowman Song & Felt Pieces
- Winter Match
- Snowman Number Puzzle
- Snowflake Count Clip Cards
- Owl Letter Match
- Forest Word Card Match
- Winter Picture Match
- Animal Habitats File Folder Game

