

# Blizzard Blackout

A Reading A-Z Level H Leveled Book  
Word Count: 204



## Connections

### Writing and Art

Draw a picture of three things you could do if the power goes out at your home.

Write about your pictures.

### Math

If 6 inches of snow falls in the morning, 3 inches falls in the afternoon, and 5 inches falls at night, how many inches of snow are there in all?

Solve the problem in two ways.

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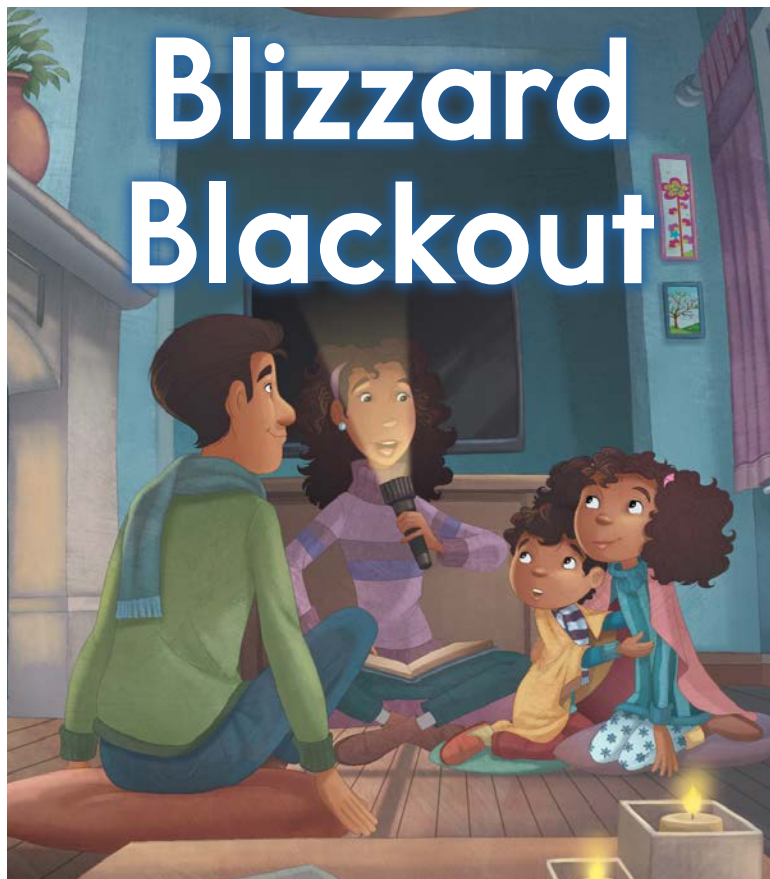
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### Focus Question

What do you learn about Ellie and her family during the winter storm?

### Words to Know

normal	spooky
power	squeezed
pretend	storm

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### Correlation

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Ellie looked out the window.  
Snow was coming down  
all over the city.  
The lights were out as far  
as she could see.

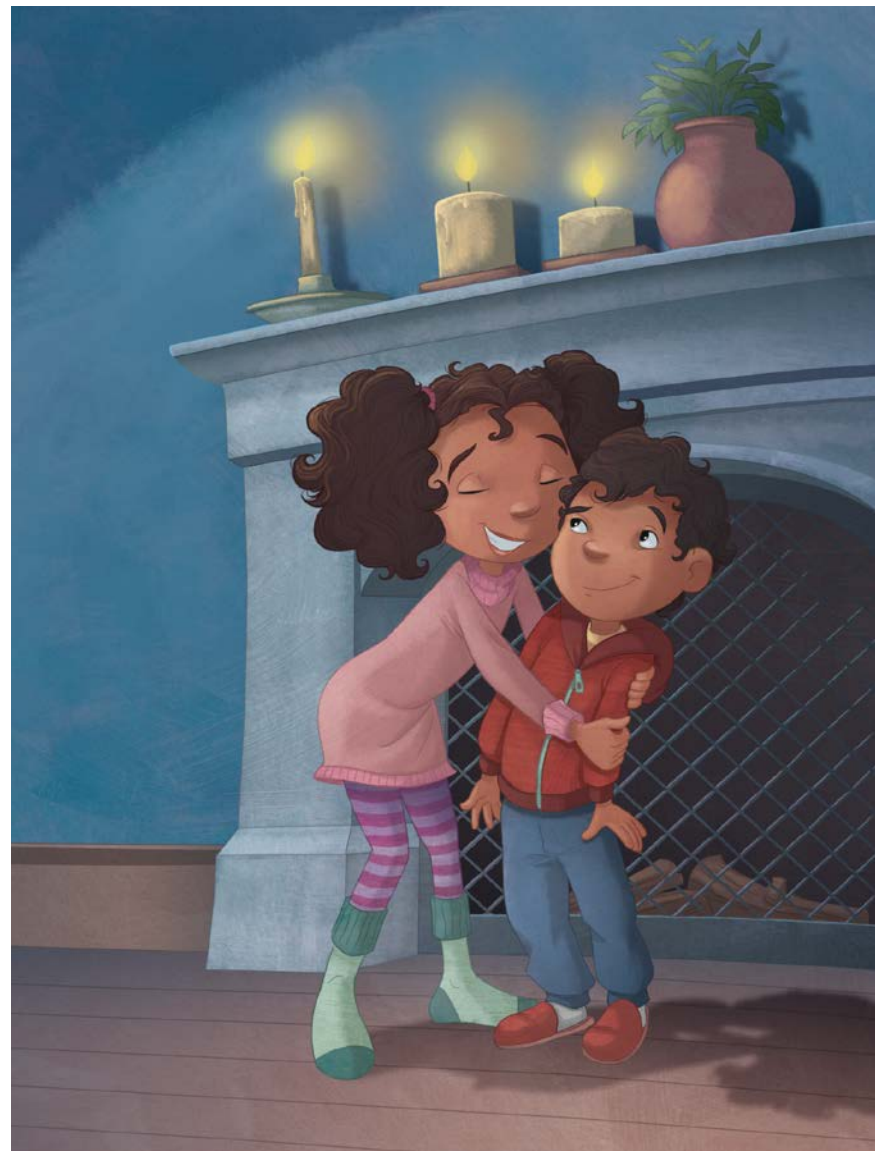


“Why are all the lights off?” asked  
her little brother, Ben.  
“The **storm** made the **power** go  
out,” said Mom.

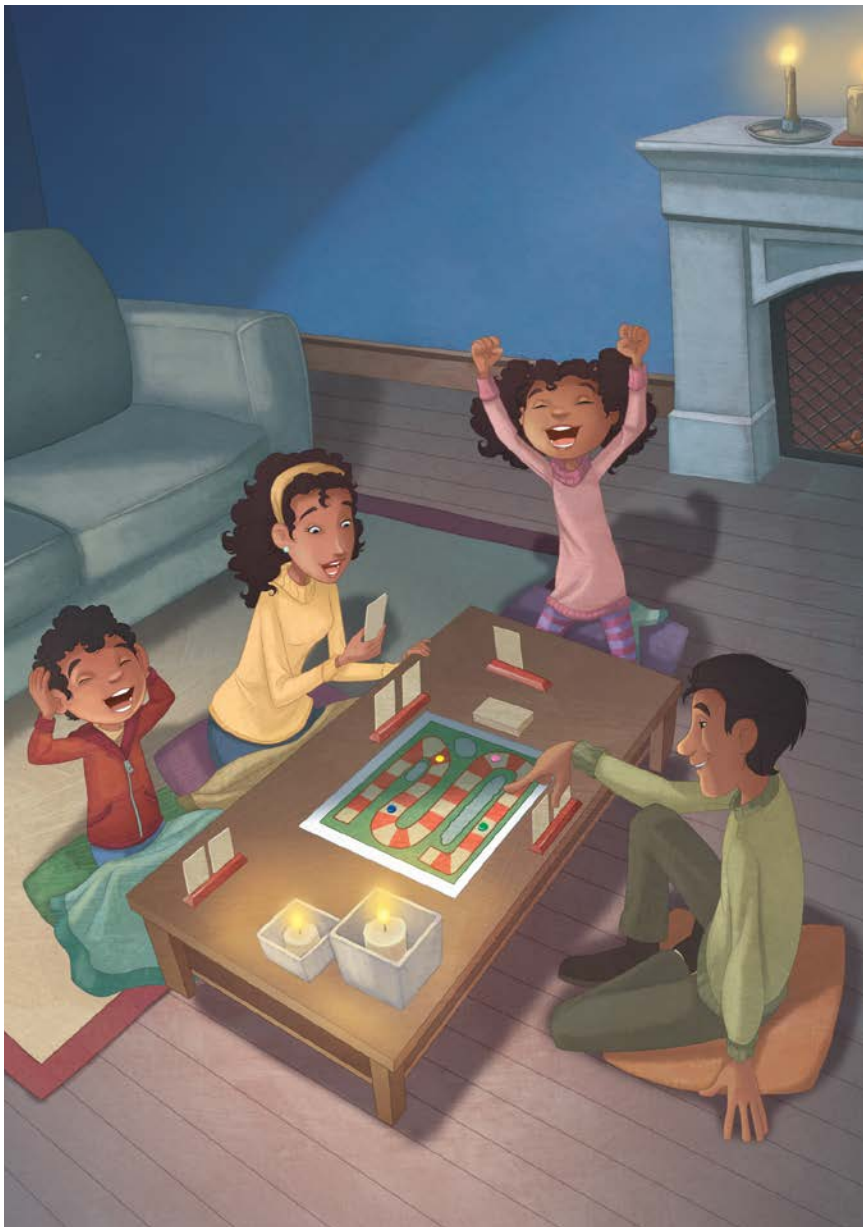




Dad lit candles.  
He put them all around  
the apartment.



Ellie hugged Ben.  
“Just think! We can **pretend** we live  
in a time before power,” she said.



The family played board games until the candles melted.



The power was still out the next day.

“What about school?” asked Ben.  
“The school is closed,” Dad said with a tired smile.





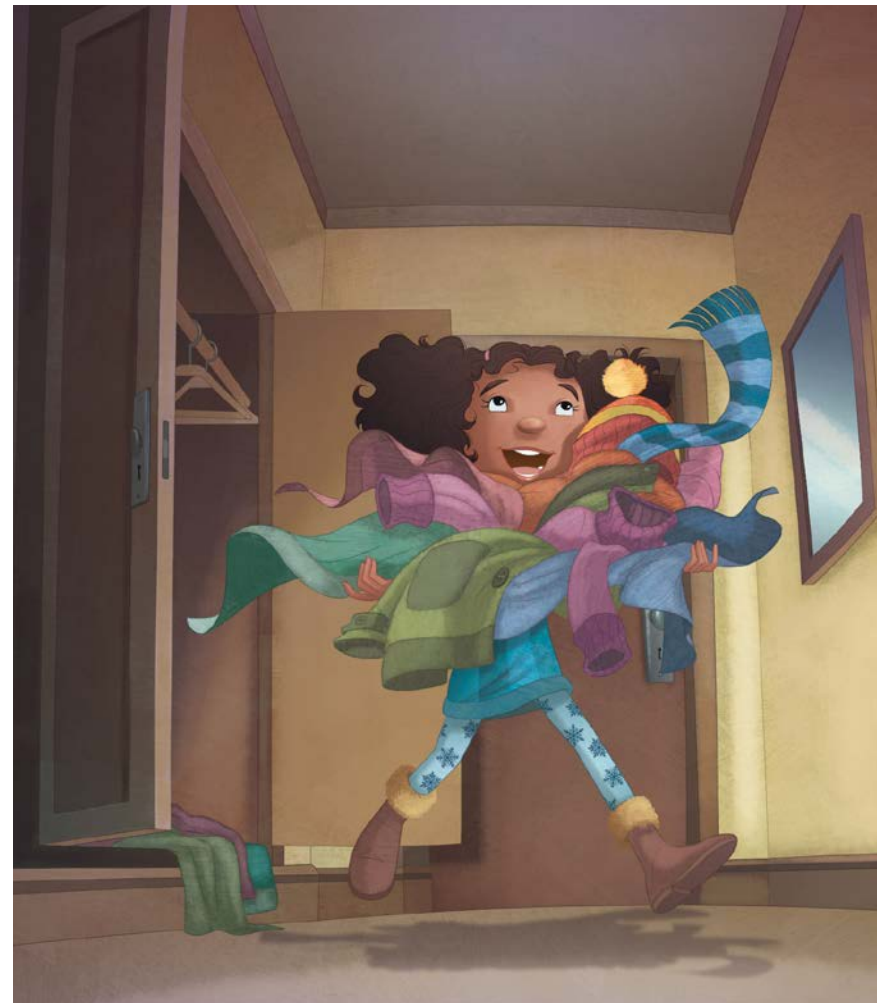
Ellie grabbed Ben's hand.  
"Just think! We can spend the day  
doing whatever we like!" she said.



The family told **spooky** stories  
in front of the fire.



The power was still out the next day.  
 “I’m cold,” Ben said with a frown.  
 Everyone looked unhappy.



Ellie brought out extra coats  
 and blankets.  
 “Just think! We can wear our  
 favorite coats, all at the same  
 time!” she said.





The family **squeezed** into as much clothing as possible.



Suddenly, all of the lights turned on.  
The power was back!





The family cheered.  
“Just think! Now everything can  
finally go back to **normal**!” Ellie said.

## Glossary

**normal**  
(*adj.*)

similar to what is  
common or expected  
(p. 15)

**power** (*n.*)

the source or supply  
of energy, often  
electricity (p. 4)

**pretend** (*v.*)

to make believe  
or imagine (p. 6)

**spooky**  
(*adj.*)

strange and scary  
(p. 10)

**squeezed**  
(*v.*)

forced on or together  
by pressing, pushing,  
or pulling (p. 13)

**storm** (*n.*)

bad weather with  
strong winds, rain,  
snow, or thunder (p. 4)