

PLACE FALLING SNOW CARDS HERE

# BEFORE THE BLIZZARD!

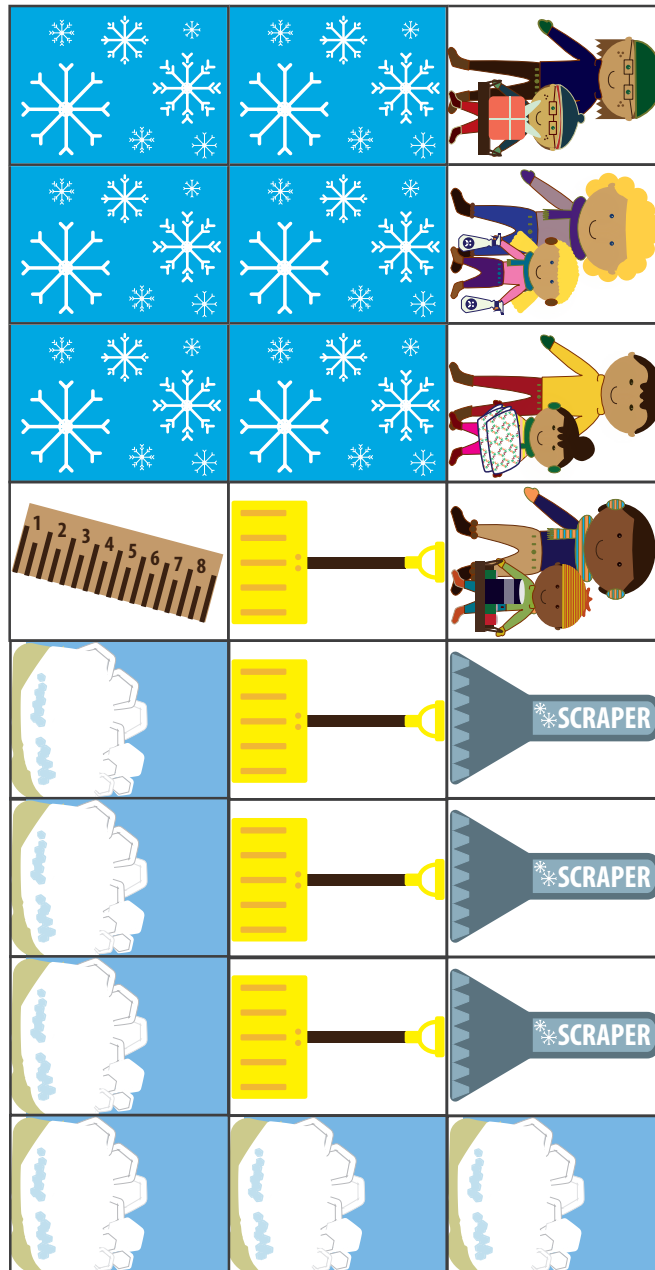
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Ages 3 and up  
2 – 4 players  
15 minutes

#### Includes:

1 game board

24 Cards:

- 4 Children
- 6 Mounds of Snow
- 4 Snow Shovels
- 6 Falling Snow
- 1 Ruler
- 3 Ice Scrapers



#### Object

Four children and their parents are delivering important items on a snowy winter's day near the winter holidays, but a blizzard is predicted! The snow has started, but it isn't too deep—yet. Will the children and their families deliver the items in time? One child has blankets for the homeless shelter. One child has canned goods for the food pantry. One child has cleaning products for the animal shelter. One child has gifts for the orphanage. The object of the game is to help deliver the items before the snow is too deep to continue.

#### A Cooperative Game

*Before the Blizzard! A Winter Holiday Game* is a cooperative game, meaning all the players work together. Everyone wins (or loses) at the same time when all the deliveries are made before the snow is too deep to continue.

#### Set Up

Print out the game board and the cards. Lay the board on a table. Cut out the cards on the lines. Place the cards face down on a table and stir them around, mixing well. Place them face down on each of the sidewalk squares on the game board.

#### How to Play

The youngest player goes first. Players start by turning over a card. See instructions for each card, following, to see what to do. Players can talk about the best course of action if a decision needs to be made. Each player plays or moves one card only. Then it's the next person's turn.

#### Child Cards

Child Cards each hold an object that matches the place they are going. The objects are a: blanket, canned good, cleaning product, and gift. The child holding the blanket is going to the homeless shelter. The child with the canned good is going to the food pantry. The child with the cleaning product is going to the animal shelter. The child with the gift is going to the orphanage. You can move Child Cards closer to their destinations when you first turn over that card or later in the game. You can move a Child Card more than one space at a time unless it is blocked by a face-down card, a Mound of Snow Card, or another Child Card. You can move a Child Card all the way to its destination if there are no blocks in the path.



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#### Mounds of Snow Cards

Mounds of Snow Cards block Child Cards from making their deliveries. Children cannot move forward if they are blocked by a Mound of Snow Card. Leave this card in place, face up, on the game board.

#### Snow Shovel Cards

Snow Shovel Cards move Mounds of Snow Cards. Place a Snow Shovel Card on top of a Mound of Snow Card so children can walk through to make deliveries. If a Snow Shovel Card is turned face up and there are no Mounds of Snow Cards to move, set it aside. Any player can use it to move a mound of snow during the course of the game.

#### Falling Snow Cards

Place Falling Snow Cards in the Blizzard Grid at the top of the game board. If the grid is full before all the deliveries are made, everyone loses and the game is over.

#### Ruler Card

The Ruler Card shows that the snow isn't too deep—yet! This card removes one Falling Snow Card from the grid, giving the children more time to make their deliveries. If the Ruler Card is turned over before a Falling Snow Card, set it aside. Any player can use it to postpone the blizzard during the course of the game.

#### Ice Scraper Cards

Ice Scraper Cards help you to see ahead in the snow before you move. Ice Scraper Cards can peek under one card to see what it is. Show the other players the card, and talk about the advantages and disadvantages of turning that card over. Then decide if you want to leave it face down or face up. Once an Ice Scraper Card is used, set it aside, not to be used again in the current game.

#### End of the Game

When all the children have reached their destinations (the homeless shelter, food pantry, animal shelter, and orphanage) the game is over and everyone wins! You helped those in need—doesn't that feel great?! However, if all five of the Falling Snow Cards are in place in the Blizzard Grid before the children reach their destinations, the snow was too deep to make the deliveries! You can start over and play again to try to get the items delivered before the blizzard makes it impossible.

WARNING: Choking hazard. Small parts. Not suitable for children under age 3.



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