Winter

Pre-reading

Questions:
• What thoughts come to mind when you read the title?

Definitions:
• Create – to bring into being
• Slick – having a slippery surface
• Condition – the way something is

Reading

Winter is cold. People dress in heavy coats. They wear hats and gloves. Scarves help keep the face warm. Boots help keep the toes from freezing!

Winter is dark. The days are short. The nights are long. Some older people like to travel south to sunny states. They return north in the spring. Many birds also fly south in the winter. They also return north in the spring.

Winter means snow. Many inches of the white stuff falls from the sky. It covers the ground. Children love to play in the snow! They make snowmen. They throw snowballs. They build snow forts. They go sledding. Snow can be a lot of fun!

Winter means poor driving conditions. Strong winds blow the snow. Blowing snow makes it difficult to see or to be seen. Blowing snow creates drifts on the road. Ice also forms on the roads in winter. Watch out for those slick spots! Ice can quickly spin your car into the ditch.

Level 2.5
Understanding
1. What should you wear to keep your feet warm in winter? ____________________________________________
2. What should you wear to keep your face warm in winter? ____________________________________________
3. The days are ___________________________ in the winter.
   a. long
   b. warm
   c. short
4. Where do some older people go in the winter? Why? ____________________________________________
5. List two things children like to do in the snow. ____________________________________________
6. List two things that make winter driving difficult. ____________________________________________

Writing
Choice A: Retell this story in your own words.
Choice B: What do like about winter? What do you not like about winter?