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### **Introduction**

There are five short stories about winter for learners of English in this book.

Story 1: My dog is a hero

Story 2: The ice rink

Story 3: Snowmen

Story 4: A drive in the snow

Story 5: Mountain secrets

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## 1. My dog is a hero

Stefan looked out of the window. It had stopped snowing. He looked down at his feet. His Labrador dog was jumping up.

“Do you want to go out, Allie?” he asked his dog.

Allie barked.

“We haven’t been out for a walk for three days because of the snow. You need a walk. OK, let’s go.”

Allie barked loudly and started to run around the room. Stefan laughed. “But we are not going to walk so far,” he said. “It is icy outside.”

Stefan lived alone with his dog in the countryside. The village was small, and was near a forest. Most days, he took Allie for walks through the forest.

In the spring, summer and autumn, it was nice in the forest. Many people came from the city to the village to walk through the forest and enjoy nature. In winter, no one came. It was too cold, and the roads were slippery.

Stefan put on his snow boots and his big coat. Allie was excited. She was running around and barking loudly.

“Wait a minute, Allie,” said Stefan. “Let me get ready.”

He put his hat on, and then put Allie’s lead on her.

“OK, we’re ready,” he said. “Let’s go.”

Stefan and Allie walked out of the front door.

“Oh, it’s cold,” said Stefan. “I think it is about minus six degrees. Let’s have a very short walk.”

Allie started to pull Stefan towards the forest.

“Do you want to go in the forest?” he asked. “OK, but only for a short time.”

Stefan and Allie walked into the forest. Stefan looked around.

*The forest is beautiful in winter, he thought. There is snow on the trees and on the ground, but the trail is icy. And it is so quiet!*

The air was fresh and cold. Stefan felt good to be outside. He had been inside for a few days. He walked farther into the forest. He knew there was a small hut in the forest.

*We’ll walk to the hut and then go back, he thought. It is only three pm, but it will get dark soon.*

Stefan could see the hut. “Just a little farther,” he said to Allie. Then Allie saw a squirrel. She pulled the lead and tried to run towards the squirrel.

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“Allie, no!” shouted Stefan. But Allie was strong. She pulled hard, and Stefan slipped on the ice. He fell over.

“Ouch! My foot!” he shouted. He let go of Allie’s lead, and Allie ran off into the forest.

“Allie, come back!” he shouted. But Allie wanted to get the squirrel. She disappeared.

Stefan tried to stand up, but he couldn’t.

*Oh no! I think my ankle is broken!* he thought. *What am I going to do?*

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