



Snowplow Drivers Keep Us Safe

When it snows on the highway, big trucks with scoops called snowplows push the snow out of the way so cars, buses, and trucks don't slip or get stuck. If you see a snowplow while riding in the car, stay quiet so your grown-up can drive carefully.

Snowplows are big and strong, and snow plow operators need plenty of space to work. That's why it's important for drivers to slow down, stay back at least 3 car lengths, and never pass a snowplow.

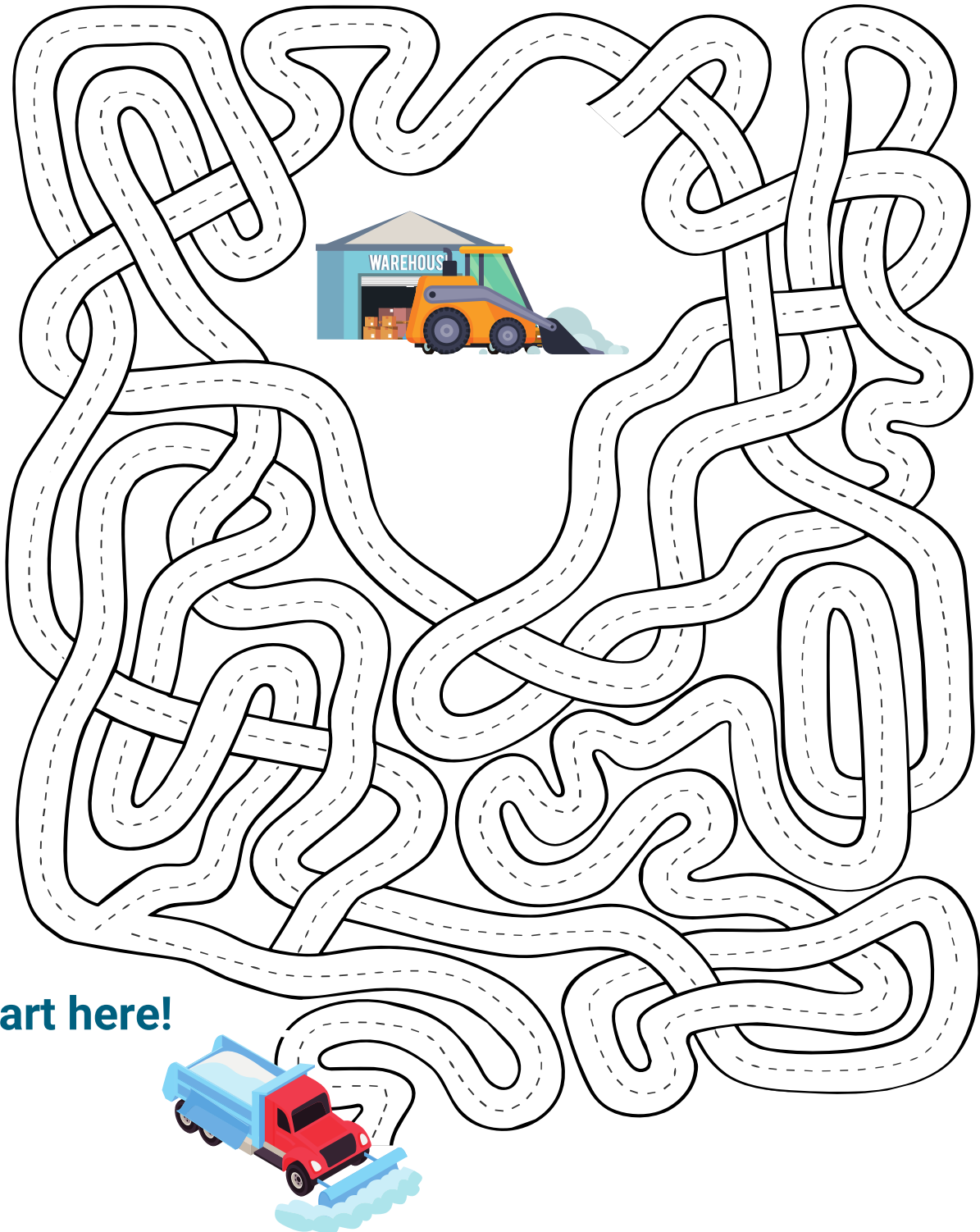


Snow plow drivers play a vital role in keeping our roads safe and functional during winter. They also face harsh weather, heavy traffic, and other challenges while doing their job. Write or draw a thank you to show your appreciation! Mail to: Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Help the snowplow driver find the highway to home.



Start here!



WINTER WORD SEARCH



Find the hidden winter words.

K	B	E	A	C	O	N	L	I	G	H	T	Y	L	T
R	R	R	H	I	G	H	W	A	Y	Y	M	C	R	I
C	X	O	I	Y	F	W	J	A	D	N	I	D	S	O
K	O	F	A	F	P	Y	J	J	D	D	R	O	P	N
E	F	O	T	D	H	O	G	R	N	O	K	G	R	U
F	B	R	A	V	C	W	T	Q	D	T	C	W	E	B
C	B	E	O	Z	Y	O	B	H	E	W	B	U	A	L
P	H	C	W	S	B	S	N	F	E	I	B	Y	D	A
I	R	A	H	D	T	L	N	D	C	R	H	E	E	C
H	A	S	I	N	B	B	A	O	I	A	M	A	R	K
W	C	T	T	V	J	N	I	D	W	T	D	I	J	I
D	L	J	E	I	R	T	W	T	E	P	I	Z	A	C
W	T	Y	O	N	E	C	G	Y	E	F	L	O	K	E
A	N	L	U	R	X	D	D	F	J	C	F	O	N	E
V	O	X	T	L	U	A	E	N	F	M	A	M	W	S



SNOWPLOW

NDOT

WHITE OUT

ROAD CONDITIONS

BEACON LIGHT

SPREADER

FROSTBITE

FORECAST

BLADE

BLACK ICE

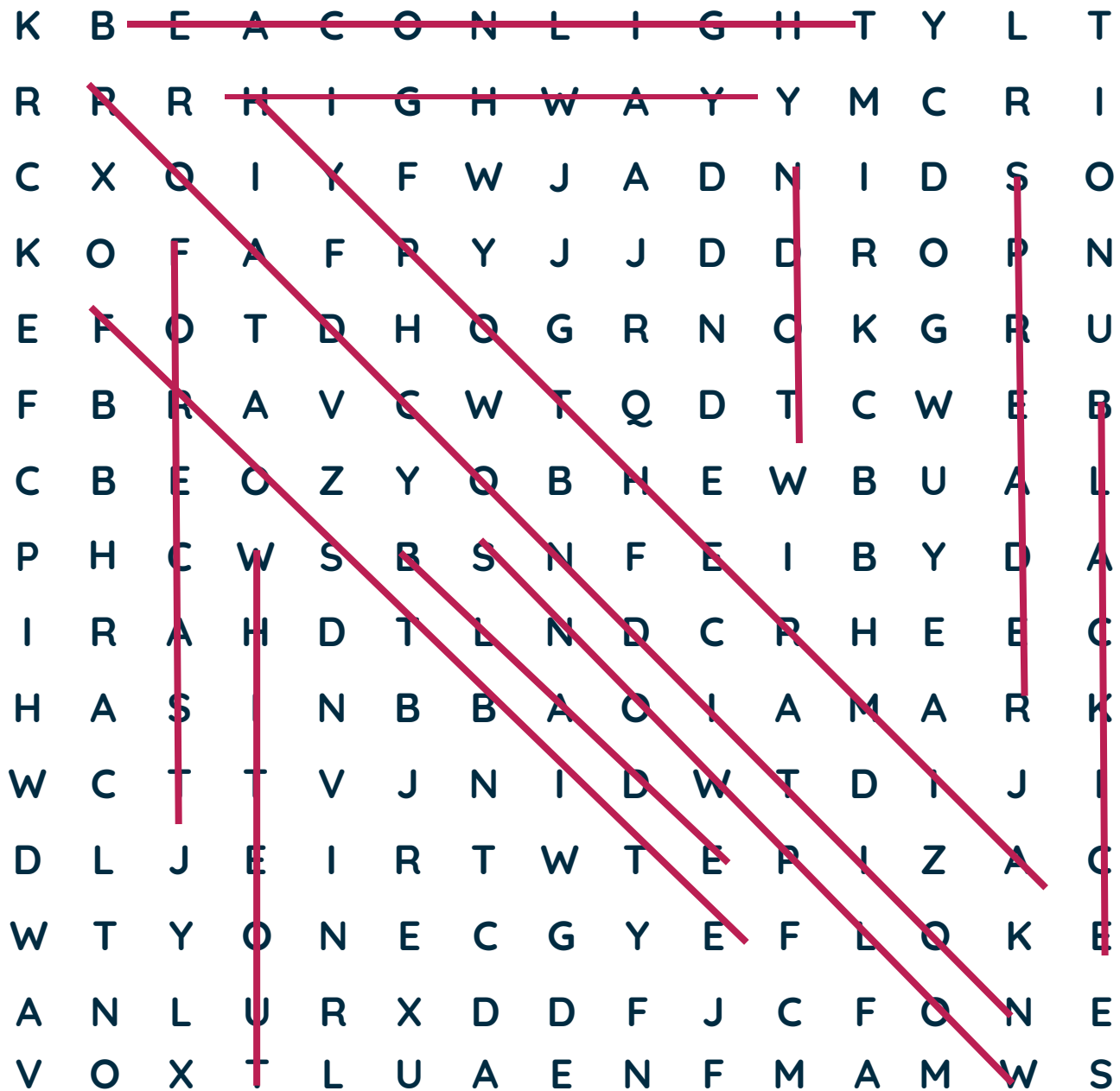
HYPOTHERMIA

HIGHWAY



WINTER WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden winter words.



SNOWPLOW

NDOT

WHITE OUT

ROAD CONDITIONS

BEACON LIGHT

SPREADER

FROSTBITE

FORECAST

BLADE

BLACK ICE

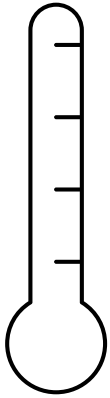
HYPOTHERMIA

HIGHWAY

Name: _____

Date: _____

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?



The temperature
today is

degrees.

The sky looks like...

On days like this I can wear...

Traveling conditions I should consider are...

The weather forecast for next week...

MON

TUE

WED

THUR

FRI

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the text and answer the questions below.

Just before a Husker football game, a big snowstorm hit Lincoln. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) dispatched snowplows to clear the highways and ensure travel was safe for all the Husker fans driving to the game. Joe, a snowplow driver, arrived first. The snow was falling so hard the road conditions were whiteout, making it difficult to see. He buckled his seatbelt and turned on the beacon warning light to make sure other drivers could see him on the snowy road.

Joe drove his snowplow slowly down the highway, using the blade to push snow off to the side. He was careful to avoid other vehicles while he worked, trying to stay 200 feet away. While clearing the snow, Joe noticed some black ice on the road. He knew it could be dangerous, so after he finished plowing, he used the spreader to sprinkle salt on the highway. This would help melt the ice and make the road less slippery.

After spreading the salt, Joe double-checked the road conditions at 511.Nebraska.gov. There was still more work to do! But more snowplows arrived soon, and Joe was relieved. He knew, thanks to NDOT, the highways would be ready in time for everyone to enjoy game day.

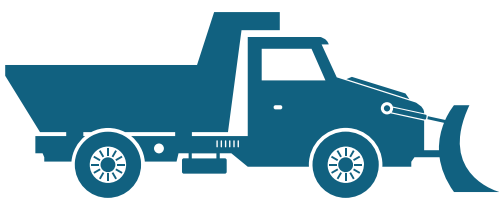
1. Why did the Nebraska Department of Transportation send snowplows?

2. What made it difficult for Joe to see while driving the snowplow?

3. How far away did Joe stay from other vehicles while plowing the highway?

4. What did Joe do when he saw black ice?

5. Why did Joe check 511.Nebraska.gov after spreading salt on the highway?



Name: _____

Date: _____

WINTER WORD MATCHUP

Snowplow

A machine that spreads salt/sand to stop ice from forming.

Forecast

Accidents from lost balance on slippery surfaces.

Beacon Light

Invisible, slippery ice on the road.

NDOT

Nebraska department that manages state highways.

Black Ice

A flashing light on a snowplow to stay visible.

Whiteout

A prediction of the weather.

Slips, trips & falls

A main road for fast, long-distance travel.

Highway

A vehicle that clears snow from roads and sidewalks.

Spreader

Heavy snow and wind that makes it hard to see.

Name: **ANSWER KEY**

Date: _____

WINTER WORD MATCHUP

Snowplow

A vehicle that clears snow from roads and sidewalks.

Forecast

A prediction of the weather.

Beacon Light

A flashing light on a snowplow to stay visible.

NDOT

Nebraska department that manages state highways.

Black Ice

Invisible, slippery ice on the road.

Whiteout

Heavy snow and wind that makes it hard to see.

Slips, trips & falls

Accidents from lost balance on slippery surfaces.

Highway

A main road for fast, long-distance travel.

Spreader

A machine that spreads salt/sand to stop ice from forming.