

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Groundhog Day

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Our goal is to increase reading fluency. We can do this by reading the article aloud multiple times.

Groundhog Day, celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, has its roots in an age-old European weather lore. According to tradition, if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. However, if the day is cloudy and the groundhog doesn't see its shadow, spring is said to arrive early. The most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, plays a crucial role in this annual prediction in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Modern celebrations of Groundhog Day involve large crowds gathering to witness Phil's prediction, which is eagerly awaited by weather enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike. Festivities often include parades, music, and various activities. Despite its roots in predicting weather patterns, Groundhog Day has evolved into a lighthearted and entertaining tradition, embraced by communities across North America.



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Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. What is the significance of a groundhog seeing its shadow on Groundhog Day?

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2. Where is Punxsutawney Phil located, and why is he famous?

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3. Describe the traditional European weather lore that inspired Groundhog Day.

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4. What are some modern celebrations associated with Groundhog Day?

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5. When is Groundhog Day celebrated? \_\_\_\_\_



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Sentence Completion & Naming to Description –

Please write the answer

1. What kind of furry animal is known for predicting the weather on February 2<sup>nd</sup>? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Punxsutawney is a town in \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A famous groundhog, Phil, makes his annual weather prediction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of what month? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If a groundhog sees its shadow on Groundhog Day, there will be six more weeks of \_\_\_\_\_.

5. If a groundhog does not see its shadow on Groundhog Day, \_\_\_\_\_ is said to arrive early.



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\* Word fluency challenge – Did you know that a groundhog is a rodent? Can you think of other animals that are rodents? Challenge yourself to name at least 5 critters.

You can use an alphabet board or even the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into your search engine.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, Microsoft Bing, or openai.com.



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Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sound does the word start with?
- What are other words that begin with the same sound \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What sound does the word end with?
- How many syllables are in the word? \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you segment the word into its separate sounds?
- What words rhyme with the pictured item? You can choose rhymes for each syllable.

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### Semantic Feature Analysis

<u>What is it used for?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>
<u>Where do you find it?</u>	<u>What does it remind you of?</u>
<u>What does it do?</u>	<u>What category does it fall under?</u>

What is the item? \_\_\_\_\_



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