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- ☐ carpet
- ☐ blanket
- ☐ rug

2. Where do the children have the snowball fight? Tick one.

- ☐ school
- ☐ garden
- ☐ park

3. Where does the snowball hit the child? Tick one.

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- ☐ hat
- ☐ glove

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- ☐ angry
- ☐ tired
- ☐ wet
- ☐ worried

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

Where does the snowball fight take place?	hot chocolate
Where does the snowball hit the child?	park
What can the child smell at the end of the poem?	on their hat

3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happen in the poem.

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4. Fill in the missing word.

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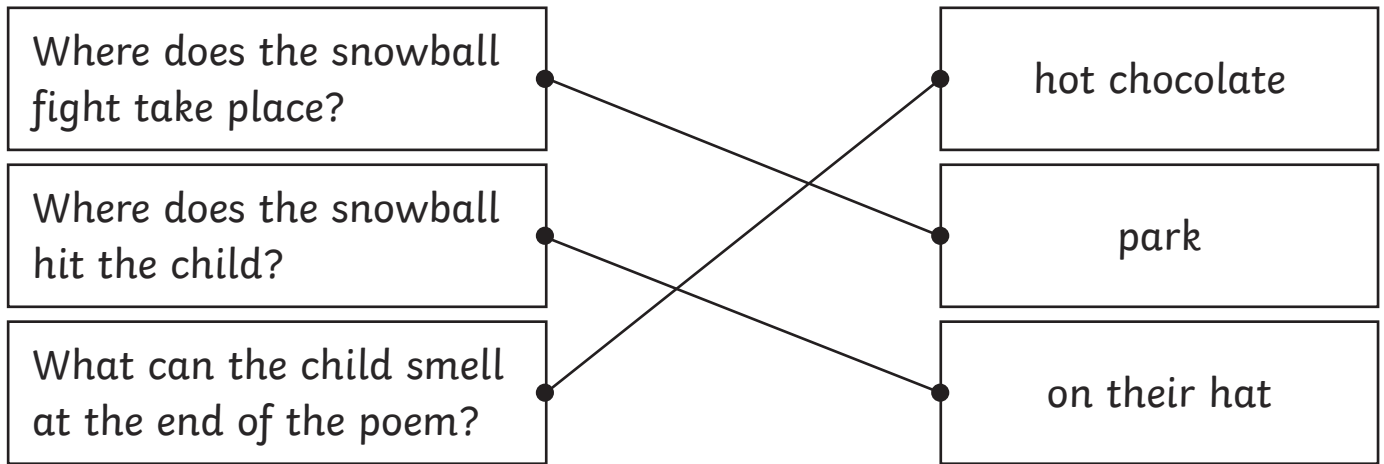
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squeal

6. Why do you think the child is wet after having the snowball fight?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the child is wet after having the snowball fight because the snow starts to melt and makes their clothes damp.