

# A WINTER ARTICULATION Adventure!



# INSTRUCTIONS

**A Winter Articulation Adventure** is an interactive story-based technical exercise that focuses on building the coordination needed to accurately play slurs, staccatos and accents.

Inspired by a winter-themed story, your students will be motivated to play with a musicality not normally found in technical exercises.

**Instruct your students to provide the *wintery* soundtrack as you narrate the story on the following pages.**

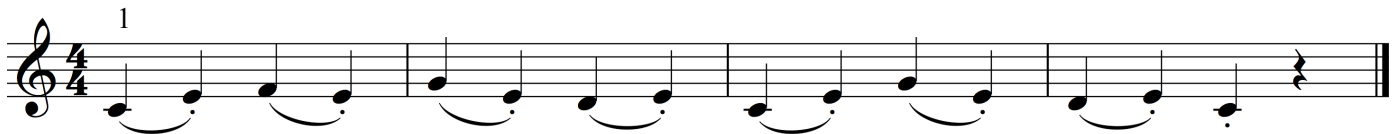
*Note: The final musical excerpt has no articulation markings, giving your students the opportunity to **add their own** slurs, staccatos and/or accents.*



# One cold day...



...three balls of snow stood stacked and alone. "If only I had some coal and a carrot," the snow said. "Then I could see and smell this beautiful day!" The North Wind was listening and blew along the ground, tossing coal and a carrot onto the stacked snow.



"This is wonderful," thought the snow. "But I'd love to be able to wave to the rabbits and deer as they wander by in search of food. If only I had two fine sticks!" The North Wind was listening and blew through the forest, tossing two twigs into the stacked snow.





"I'm so lucky!" the snow chuckled, waving happily to all who passed. But then he began to shiver. "Oh dear..." the snow worried. "I've never felt the cold before!" The North Wind was listening and blew through the school yard, tossing a scarf, a hat and some mittens onto the stacked snow.



Soon the snow began to feel lonely. "If only I had someone to share this beautiful spot with me," he said sadly. Soon the snow fell asleep, and while he slept he dreamed of children singing and playing all around him. In the morning he awoke to a wonderful surprise!

