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## The Snowflake Man



### Building Context

Scientists study a field of science until they become experts. That means they know a lot about the subject. There are many fields of science and many kinds of scientists. Some study medicine, some study the ocean, some study plants, and some study animals.

You are going to read about scientists who study the weather. To better understand why weather changes, they study the clouds and how the winds blow around the earth. This kind of scientist is called a meteorologist, and the study of weather is called meteorology.

What do you think it takes to make a good scientist? Place checks by the words that you think describe a good scientist.

- someone who has gone to college and studied
- someone who has done a lot of research
- someone who has lots of money
- someone who loves science
- someone whom everybody likes
- someone who writes a lot of books and articles
- someone who makes new discoveries in science
- someone who uses a lot of equipment to study a science



Now look at what you have checked. Which of those do you think is the most important characteristic for a scientist to have?

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### Building Vocabulary

Have you ever heard someone say, "No two snowflakes are alike"? Well, it is true. The first person who found that out had to look at a lot of snowflakes. That person was Wilson Bentley. He looked at so many snowflakes and took so many pictures of them that he became known as the "Snowflake Man."