

## One Person's Junk...

Fill in the circle by the correct answer. Then write the answers to numbers 3, 4, and 5.

1. The main idea of this text is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) art that is avant-garde can't have a message  
 (B) discarded items can be used to make art  
 (C) only plastic bag art can be avant-garde  
 (D) auto-destructive art always has a message
2. An example of auto-destructive art could be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) rusty tricycle in a yard with plants growing around it  
 (B) finger painting hanging on a clean wall  
 (C) red jar filled with beans on a fresh white doily  
 (D) framed drawing of a tree
3. Do you agree with the author about the popular saying quoted in the text?  
 Why or why not?  


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4. How did the author support the idea that garbage art is avant-garde?  


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5. What does artwork with traditional mediums have in common with garbage artwork?  


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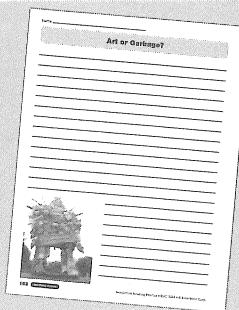
  


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### Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Is all garbage art avant-garde or sharing an important message? Write an argument for why or why not.



# **Ice Hotels**

## Level 1

## Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Stayin' at an Ice Hotel

Fill in the circles by the correct answers. Then cut out the puzzle and send it to us.

**Staying at an Ice Hotel**

Have you ever heard of an ice hotel? Well, there are two additional hotels, where you can visit and spend the night.

**Ice Metal Hotels**

The first is the *Ice Hotel* in Sweden, which opened in 1990. Since then, others have opened in Canada, Finland, France, and Austria. The first hotel was built entirely by indigenous people in the Arctic region, who had to simply break off snow blocks to build it.

**Ice Hotel Bedrooms**

All the bedrooms are built from bedrock or stone. There are different kinds of rooms. The Ice hotel in Sweden, for example, offers "ice bars" and "ice restaurants." There are lots of cool rooms, such as "Glowing Room," "Mystic Room," and "Ice Bar." There is also a "Volcano Suite," which has a volcano that erupts every hour. There are also "Snow Rooms" and "Icicle Room," which have simple designs but look like they're made of ice. The most popular room is the "Art Suite," hand-carved by the artist. The suites are more expensive than the bedrooms.

Most of the hotels provide a sauna and sleeping bags on top of your bed. Can you imagine staying in an ice hotel? There is no end and no start to the fun because the rooms are made of ice blocks. You can't sleep in them, so the people there have animal skins and blankets that fit them. So, if one of the rooms they can expect to sleep in begins to melt, they'll have to move to another room.

**Features of Ice Hotels**

Ice hotels have bars, restaurants, afternoons, and nightclubs. The Ice hotel in Canada offers events such as an ice coffee shop, a wash shop, and a sauna. They also have guided tours of the hotel. Some ice hotels have banquet rooms to host big events such as wedding parties.

**Preparing for an Ice Hotel Stay**

It's recommended to wear 10 layers when going to an ice hotel. You will need to dress in layers, because they are designed to keep you warm. People who stay in the ice hotels often sleep on sleeping bags, wearing on foot, and wearing on head. They also have thick, chilly sleeping bags.

Want to Know  
Stayin' at  
an Ice Hotel

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## **Level 2**

## Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

## Level 3

## Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

## **Assemble the Unit**

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: Ice Hotels, page 171
  - Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
  - Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
  - Writing Form: Ice Hotels, page 172

## **Introduce the Topic**

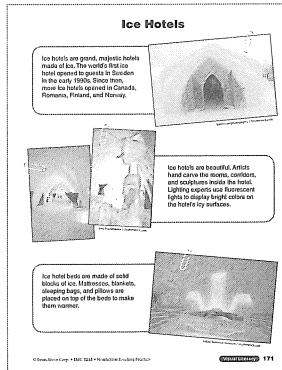
Read aloud and discuss the Ice Hotels text and photos. Explain that visiting an ice hotel would be a unique traveling experience. Point out that ice hotels have many similarities to traditional hotels. Explain that ice hotels are considered works of art, but they only last during winter months.

## **Read and Respond**

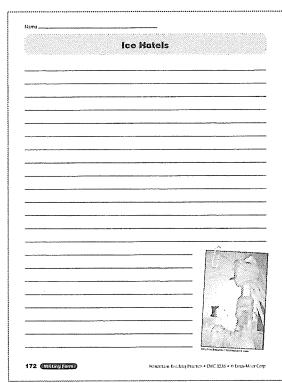
Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

## **Write About the Topic**

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



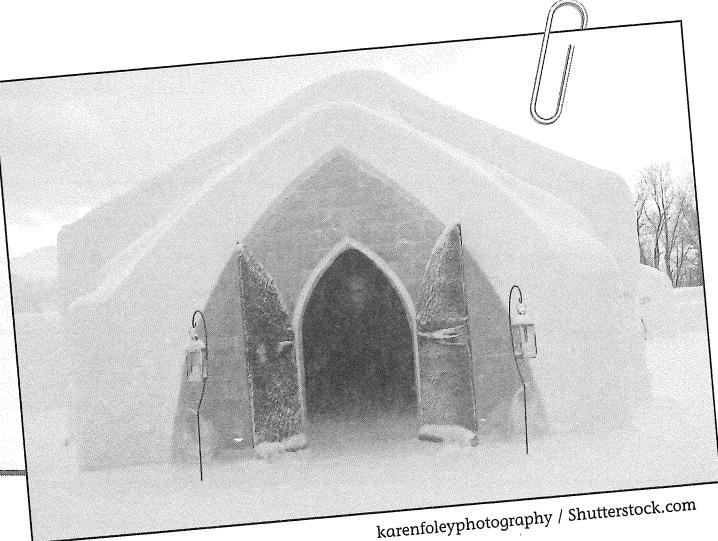
## Visual Literacy



## **Writing Form**

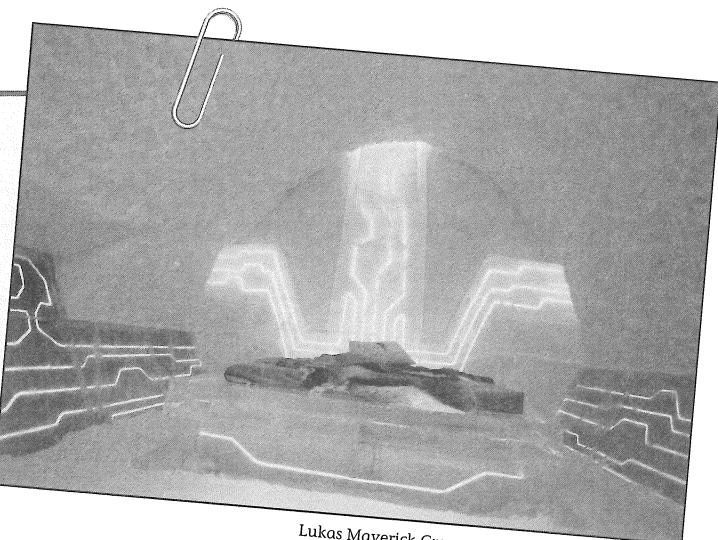
# Ice Hotels

Ice hotels are grand, majestic hotels made of ice. The world's first ice hotel opened to guests in Sweden in the early 1990s. Since then, more ice hotels opened in Canada, Romania, Finland, and Norway.



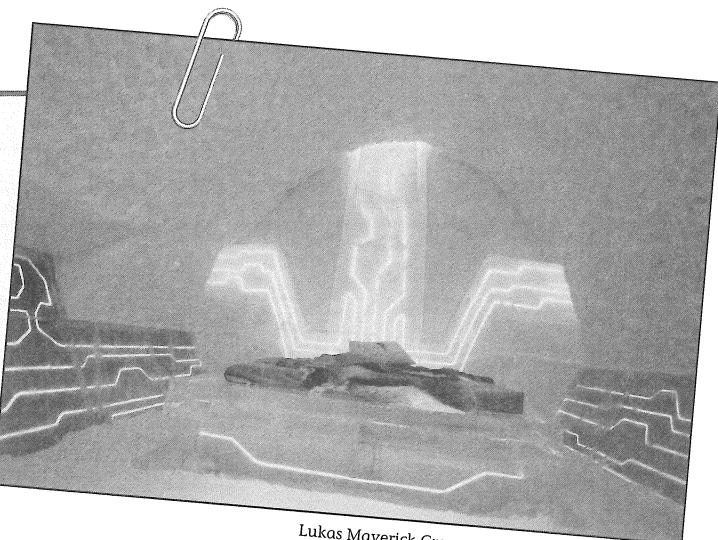
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Ice hotels are beautiful. Artists hand carve the rooms, corridors, and sculptures inside the hotel. Lighting experts use fluorescent lights to display bright colors on the hotel's icy surfaces.



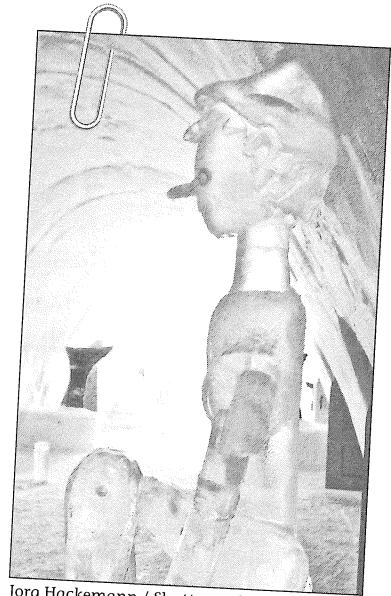
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Ice hotel beds are made of solid blocks of ice. Mattresses, blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows are placed on top of the beds to make them warmer.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# **Ice Hotels**



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### **Words to Know**

#### **Staying at an Ice Hotel**

technically

igloos

indigenous

Arctic region

suite

lounge

sauna

negative  
temperatures

features

banquet

recommended

albeit

### **Words to Know**

#### **People Love Ice Hotels**

majestic

accommodate

typically

barrier

negative  
temperatures

recommended

multiple

banquet

vendors

function

characteristics

denser

insulation

### **Words to Know**

#### **Ice Hotel: A Modern Symbol**

modern

symbol

destinations

value

dependability

dense

characteristics

insulated

archways

suites

saunas

lounges

innovation

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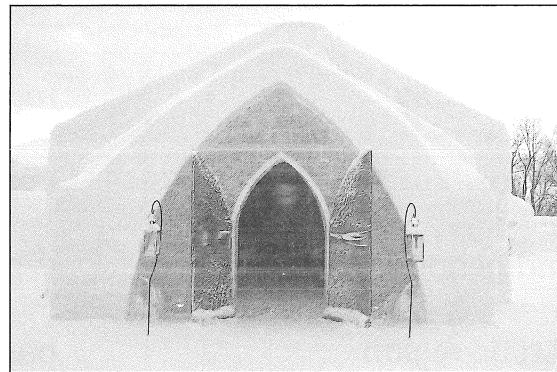


# Staying at an Ice Hotel

Have you ever heard of an ice hotel? It's similar to a traditional hotel, where people can visit and spend the night. As the name suggests, it's made of ice.

## Ice Hotel History

The world's first ice hotel opened to guests in Sweden in the early 1990s. Since then, more ice hotels have opened in Canada, Romania, Finland, and Norway. Technically, the first ice shelters were igloos, built by indigenous people in the Arctic region. Ice hotels today are simply grander, with more detailed designs.



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## Ice Hotel Bedrooms

All ice hotels provide bedrooms and bedding to visitors. There are different kinds of rooms. The ice hotel in Sweden, for example, offers warm and cool rooms. There are five kinds of cool rooms. One of the rooms is called a "Deluxe Suite," which has a lounge, a sleeping area, and a bathroom and sauna. It is twice the size of the other suites. There are also "Snow Rooms" and "Ice Rooms," which have simple designs but a lot of space. Another option is the "Art Suite," hand-carved by artists. The suites are more expensive than the rooms.

Most ice hotels provide a mattress and sleeping bags on top of ice beds in each room. Can you imagine sleeping on an ice bed? There is ice and snow in all the rooms because the entire hotel is made of ice! Sometimes furs and animal skins are also provided for extra warmth. The ice hotel makes it clear to visitors that in some of the rooms they can expect to sleep in negative temperatures.



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An Art Suite at the original ice hotel in Sweden

## Features of Ice Hotels

Ice hotels, like other hotels, offer activities. The ice hotel in Canada offers fun events such as an ice slide, a snack shop, and a maze. Many ice hotels provide guided tours of the hotel. Some ice hotels have banquet rooms to host big events such as weddings.

## Preparing for an Ice Hotel Stay

It is recommended to wear a lot of layers when going to any ice hotel, because some of the rooms are designed to be warmer than others. Many people who tour the ice hotels don't plan on staying overnight. Visiting an ice hotel would be an interesting, albeit chilly, experience!

## Staying at an Ice Hotel

Fill in the circle by the correct answer. Then write the answers to numbers 3, 4, and 5.

1. One reason ice hotel visitors should wear a lot of layers is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) the ice hotel does not provide shelter
- (B) temperatures can drop below zero
- (C) they can stay in a warm room
- (D) there are furs and animal skins on the beds

2. It would be most unlikely to find an ice hotel in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Australia
- (B) Russia
- (C) Switzerland
- (D) Greenland

3. How does the Art Suite in the photo compare to a hotel room you've stayed in before?
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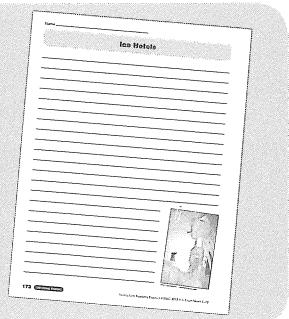
4. Explain the purpose of putting a mattress and sleeping bags on the beds.
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5. Would you rather stay in a traditional hotel or an ice hotel? Explain why.
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### Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

How are ice hotels similar to other hotels you know about?  
How are they different? Use details from the text.

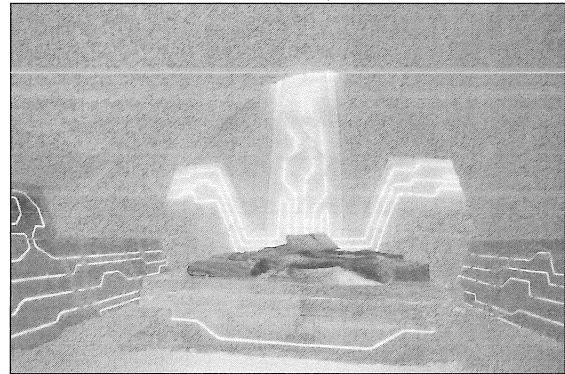


# People Love Ice Hotels

Ice hotels are grand, majestic hotels made of ice. They accommodate guests in Sweden, Canada, Romania, Finland, and Norway. Although they are open for only a few months each year, they attract thousands of people from around the world.

## Ice Hotel Basics

Ice hotels vary in terms of how many guest rooms they offer; some hotels might have 40 rooms, whereas others may have over 60. Although the hotels can be different, there are some basics that many ice hotels have. The beds are typically made of a large solid block of ice with a mattress placed on top. The hotel usually provides blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows to serve as a barrier between the ice and the sleeper's body. The rooms can get very cold (negative temperatures), so it is recommended that guests wear multiple layers of clothing. Ice hotels have banquet halls for large events such as weddings. They often have food and drink vendors. In a lot of ways, ice hotels function similarly to other hotels.



Ice bed with mattress and blankets

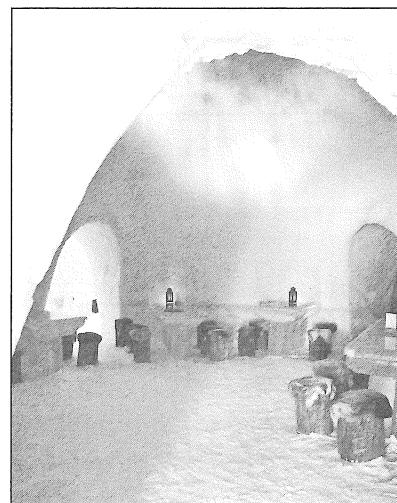
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## Building Ice Hotels

At the start of the cold winter season, people arrive on location to help build the ice hotel. The hotel in Sweden, for example, is built by over 100 artists. It's usually built to cover the same area of land every year, about 60,000 square feet (5,500 square meters). The artists use tons of ice and another material called "snice." Snice gets its name from "snow" and "ice" because the way it freezes gives it characteristics that are in between snow and ice. It's denser than typical snow, so it melts more slowly and provides excellent insulation for the hotel. This helps prevent the inside of the hotel from melting quickly.

## Ice Hotel Attractions

The ice hotel in Sweden attracts about 50,000 to 60,000 visitors every year. Many people plan weddings at ice hotels. The hotels offer activities that guests can enjoy in addition to the rooms and suites. Visitors can do hikes and food tastings, go rafting, and take ice sculpting classes. The ice hotel itself lasts for only four months. But its guests come from all over the world in that short period of time. The ice hotel in Sweden accepts guests and offers activities all year round, but it's only during winter that the ice building is available to sleep in.



Inside an ice structure

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## People Love Ice Hotels

Fill in the circle by the correct answer. Then write the answers to numbers 3, 4, and 5.

1. Ice hotels are similar to traditional hotels because they both usually \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) have snow in their buildings  
 (B) stay open for only a few months every year  
 (C) require multiple layers of clothing  
 (D) offer beds, food, and entertainment
  2. Which detail supports the idea that ice hotels are beautiful?  
 (A) The rooms can get very cold.  
 (B) They are built by artists.  
 (C) There are food and drink vendors.  
 (D) One of them has an area of 60,000 square feet (5,500 square meters).
  3. Could an ice hotel be successful without snow? Explain why or why not.
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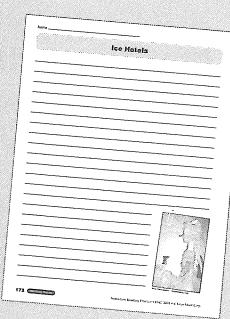
4. Why would someone choose to host a large event at an ice hotel?
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5. What can you infer about ice hotels from the fact that they attract so many guests?
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### Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Write a short essay persuading a friend that it would be safe and fun to stay at an ice hotel. Use details from the text.



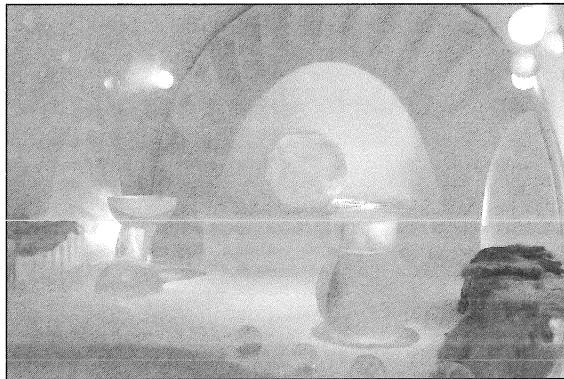
# Ice Hotel: A Modern Symbol

Have you ever thought about staying in an ice hotel? There are ice hotels in Sweden, Canada, Finland, Norway, and Romania. Ice hotels have existed for only a few decades, yet they are very popular tourist destinations. With their great beauty and all they have to offer, one can't help but view these icy buildings as symbols. They are symbols of what modern travelers value.

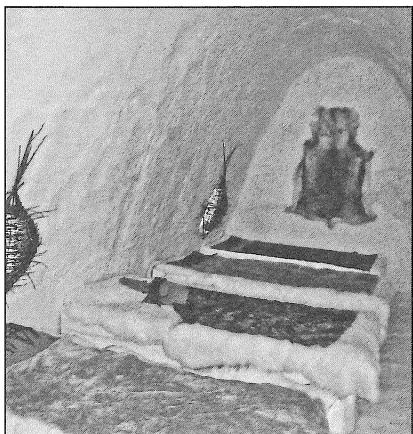
## Dependability and Comfort

Ice hotels are made of ice, snow, and "snice," a dense material that has characteristics of both snow and ice. The hotels are built at the start of winter. Snice keeps the hotel insulated so well that the inside remains solid for at least 3–4 months. The archways, walls, ceilings, tables, doors, and beds are made of solid ice. The beds have added comfort from pillows, mattresses, and sleeping bags that the hotels provide. Suites tend to be bigger, with bathrooms, saunas, and lounges.

Archway in an ice hotel



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Ice hotel room with beds and thick blankets

## Beauty and Innovation

Many artists join the ice hotel building teams each winter. The hotels offer a range of rooms and suites. The hotel in Sweden has Art Suites. These are hand-carved rooms with detailed ice sculptures, tables, and doors. The Art Suites are among the most expensive rooms at the ice hotel, but the entire hotel is beautiful. Archways and hallways are lit up with colorful fluorescent lights, creating a dreamy effect. Even the outside of the hotel looks icy and magical. Technology plays a role in making the hotel look edgy and modern each year.



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## Adventure, Entertainment, and Variety

When visiting an ice hotel, guests have a chance to sleep in a room that reaches below-freezing temperatures. They can travel through ice mazes, slip on ice slides, take ice sculpting courses, go on hikes, and so much more.

Ice sculpture in the ice hotel in Sweden