

Staying in a hotel made of ice

A draught was finding its (0) into my sleeping bag. I wriggled down and pulled the neck cord tighter. Inside, I was encased in thermal underwear, a woollen polo neck and winter pyjamas. I needed the (1) because it was – 5°C in my room, an icy cave in Austria's highest hotel, an igloo at 2,700 m in the Alps.

The Schneedorf ('snow village') is one of a (2) of igloo hotels built each year in the Alps, along similar (3) to the well-known Icehotel in Lapland. Last season, a UK tour operator started (4) customers a night in the Schneedorf.

We arrived on skis, with a rucksack of extra (5) to put on, having completed our last ski run at 3:30pm. You can take a bus from the village, but (6) the Schneedorf's allure is skiing to its door and starting the next day high on the slopes. Inside, it is magical, with candlelight (7) on the domed ceiling of the 'lounge' and beautiful sculptures carved on the walls. Furniture is (8) to stools of upturned tree trunks and ice-benches, both covered with sheepskin, plus an ice-bar and wooden tables. A candlelit corridor (9) to the bedrooms. Beds are built of packed snow, with sheepskin-covered air mattresses, and decoration (10) of ice-encased roses.

Our hosts welcomed their guests with warm drinks. They had fired up the sauna and soon we had all piled in. How the mood (11) as we warmed up. Supper was meat stew, which (12) faster than we could eat it.

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A all | B whole | C amount | D lot |
| 2 A handful | B set | C pack | D band |
| 3 A styles | B lines | C models | D ideas |
| 4 A providing | B advertising | C suggesting | D offering |
| 5 A covers | B layers | C levels | D wrappings |
| 6 A half | B part | C most | D much |
| 7 A running | B splashing | C dancing | D hopping |
| 8 A controlled | B rationed | C restrained | D limited |
| 9 A takes | B directs | C leads | D passes |
| 10 A involves | B consists | C includes | D contains |
| 11 A lifted | B rose | C increased | D climbed |
| 12 A melted | B cooled | C thawed | D chilled |

Repair strategies

My _____ gone blank

It's _____ my mind

I've lost my _____ of thought.....

What I _____ is.....

The name for it is on the tip of my _____...



Why are the flags being used?

What effect might they have on people who see them?



Speaking part 2

What feelings are being expressed?
What might have made the people feel like this?



Vocab box

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Extract One

You hear part of a radio programme about making a cake called a Swiss Roll.

- 1 What did the man have to do before he could make the cake?
 - A make space in his kitchen
 - B choose the most suitable recipe
 - C buy the correct type of baking tray
- 2 How did he feel while he was making the cake?
 - A confident that it would turn out well
 - B pleased to be trying something new
 - C surprised at how easy the process seemed to be

Extract Two

You hear part of an interview with the novelist Joanna Marley, who is talking about the notebooks she uses.

- 3 What does Joanna say about the notebook she's chosen for her next novel?
 - A It's taken a long time to find one she's happy with.
 - B Its outward appearance matches the novel's theme.
 - C It's finally inspired her to start doing some research.
- 4 How does Joanna feel about her notebook once she is actually writing her novel?
 - A reluctant to follow her tutor's advice
 - B worried if she doesn't have it with her
 - C unwilling to make much reference to it

Extract Three

You hear a man and a woman discussing professional tennis players.

- 5 Which aspect of professional tennis would the woman find most stressful?
 - A the unpredictability of the weather
 - B the hostile comments from people in the crowd
 - C the loneliness of being on court for a long time
- 6 The man is particularly impressed by professional tennis players'
 - A use of relaxation techniques.
 - B mental preparation prior to the match.
 - C ability to stay calm at critical moments.

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We often use _____ before words beginning with *m* and *p*.

We often use _____ before words beginning with *l*.

We often use _____ before words beginning with *r*.

Verbs	Adjectives	Nouns
wrap	safe	appearance
ice	loyal	security
spell	sane	ease
tie	comfortable	comfort
entangle	European	mobility
understand	responsible	balance

List as many words as you can based on the words below.

- a law
- b hope
- c act
- d press
- e centre.....
- f head
- g office
- h spoon
- i place
- j broad

The Inventor of the Bar Code

Although you may never have heard of Joe Woodland, you almost certainly use his invention on a **(0)** basis.

DAY

For Joe was the man who came up with the idea of the bar code – that little box containing parallel lines of **(17)**

REGULAR

width and **(18)** that you find on the packaging

LONG

of most products that are offered for sale at retail **(19)**

LET

world wide. Joe Woodland actually invented the bar code

way back in 1949, when the manager of a supermarket in

Philadelphia asked him to design an electronic **(20)**

CHECK

system which would be both simple and effective. The

purpose of the bar code is to store **(21)** information

CODED

about the product, which **(22)** speeds up the

POTENTIAL

process of recording sales and restocking the shelves.

The idea was way ahead of its time however, and didn't

find any immediate practical **(23)** It was the

APPLY

(24) of laser gun technology decades later which

ARRIVE

allowed Joe's invention to come into everyday use.