

A Very Cool Hotel

How would you like to sleep on a bed of ice? What would you think if someone said to you, “Welcome to our hotel. Come on in where it’s cold!”?

Ice Box

That is what happens at the Ice Hotel. The Ice Hotel is in a town in Sweden. Both the hotel and the beds are made completely out of ice and snow. The room temperature is just 20°F. That is 12 degree below freezing. Brrr! the guests keep warm by covering up with reindeer skins. Their beds are covered with reindeer skins, too.

Ice is Nice

Why would people want to stay at an ice hotel? Why would people want to sleep on top of a big ice cube? The manager says, “People enjoy the beauty. It is pure winter. It is white and fresh snow and total quiet.” The 4,000 people who stay there each year must agree.

Changing Seasons

Each spring the Ice Hotel melts. It turns into a big puddle. But by the next October, builders start making a new one.



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- a. a snowy mountain
- b. a town in Sweden
- c. a bed made of ice

Target 8 Standard RI -1 Model 1 DOK 1

2 Which idea does the author discuss first?

- a. Each spring the Ice Hotel melts.
- b. People enjoy the beauty of the hotel.
- c. The hotel and beds are made completely of snow.

Target 9 Standard RI 2 Model 3 DOK 1

3 What are the ideas in **Ice is Nice** of "A Very Cool Hotel" arranged to show?

- a. How many people visit the hotel.
- b. Why people like staying at the hotel.
- c. What the rooms look and feel like at the hotel.

Target 9 Standard , RI-2 Model 1a DOK 2

Name _____

Date _____

Ice Town



What if the town were made all of ice?

The buildings all shiny,
slippery, and nice.

The streets filled with music,
sound bouncing around,

While kids in ice skates spun on the ground.

We'd wear visors to save us
from the bright glare.

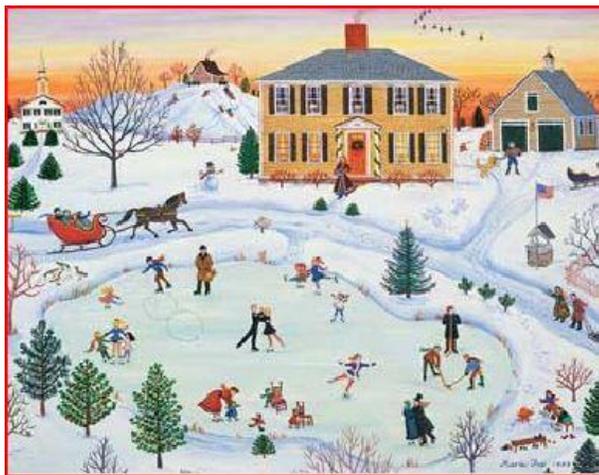
There would be no cars,
just cold, clean, crisp air.

A place to cuddle close, freezing but fun...

Until the town melted away
in the warm springtime sun.



--- Katrina Housel



Ice Town

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Choose the word that best describes how the author would feel about living in a town made of ice.

- a. it would be fun
- b. it would be scary
- c. it would be dangerous

Part B:

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports your answer in Part A?

- a. The town melted away.
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Target 8 Standard RI-1 Model 1 DOK 1

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Pair

6 Which sentence from “Ice Town” explains why the hotel in “A Very Cool Hotel” melts?

- a. The sun warms the ice.
- b. The air is cold and crisp.
- c. The ice melts into a puddle.

Target 4,11 Standard ,RI-9 Model DOK 1

Use both the passage “**A Very Cool Hotel**” and the poem “**Ice Town**” to answer question 5.

7 How are “A Very Cool Hotel” and “Ice Town” the same? Use details from both in your answer.

Sample 2-Point Reading Rubric	
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0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response gets no credit if it provides no evidence of the ability to explain similarities between A Very Cool Hotel and Ice Town.

Scoring Notes: Details may include but are not limited to:

- A.** The town is made out of ice in “Ice Town” and the hotel is made out of ice in “A Very Cool Hotel”.
- B.** The Ice Hotel melts into a big puddle and Ice Town melts in the springtime sun.
- C.** People enjoy the white and fresh snow in “A Very Cool Hotel” and enjoy the “cold, clean, crisp air in “Ice Town”.
- D.** It is 12 degrees below freezing in “A Very Cool Hotel” and freezing in “Ice Town”.

Target 5,12 Standard R- 9, RI-9 Model DOK 2