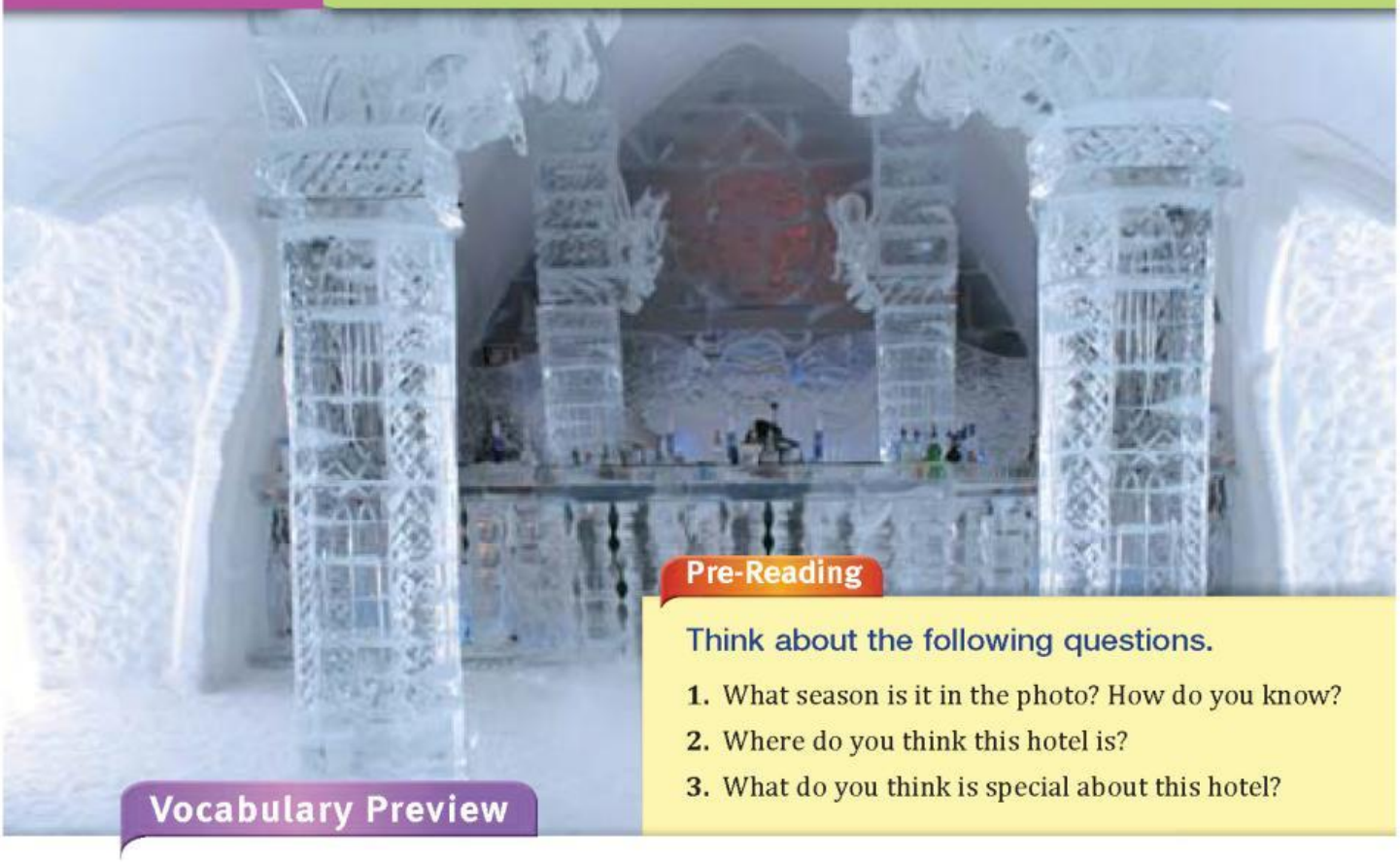
The Ice Hotel



Pre-Reading

Think about the following questions.

1. What season is it in the photo? How do you know?
2. Where do you think this hotel is?
3. What do you think is special about this hotel?

Vocabulary Preview

Write the letter of the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underlined word.

a. great	d. unbelievable
b. different	e. one of a kind
c. like ice	f. but; in fact

1. ___ It is freezing cold outside in winter.
2. ___ The Ice Hotel is very cold. Surprisingly, people like to stay there.
3. ___ These dishes are very unusual. This is the first time I've seen dishes made of ice.
4. ___ There's no other hotel like this in the world. It's unique.
5. ___ I can't believe how large this hotel is. It is amazing!
6. ___ This ice art is beautiful. It's fantastic!

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Are you into skiing? Is winter your favorite time of year? If you like snow and ice, maybe you should stay at the Ice Hotel in Quebec, Canada. But, you can only check in to this hotel **during** the winter. Why? Because this hotel is made entirely of ice and snow!

This amazing hotel is **built** every December. It has 32 rooms, and 80 people can stay there each night. The hotel has a movie theater, an art gallery, and a church. Of course, all of these parts of the hotel are made of ice. In fact, all the furniture, art, lights, and even plates and drinking glasses are made of ice.

Because this hotel is so unusual, it has become very popular. People from all over the world come to the Ice Hotel to look at the fantastic ice art, drink and eat from designer ice dishes, and experience the unique **atmosphere**. Some couples have even gotten married in the hotel's ice church.

However, all the guests keep their winter coats on! Because of all the ice, the **temperature** inside the hotel is always between -2 and -5 °C. Surprisingly, sleeping is not a problem in the freezing cold hotel rooms. Every guest gets a special cold-weather sleeping bag and some **fur** blankets. These keep them **cozy** and warm until morning.

Reading Time _____ minutes _____ seconds 223 words

3 *during*: at the time of
5 *build*: to make
11 *atmosphere*: feeling
14 *temperature*: how hot or cold something is
20 *fur*: animal hair
22 *cozy*: comfortable and warm

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of this reading?
   a. How the Ice Hotel is built
   b. What makes the Ice Hotel special
   c. Why the Ice Hotel is made of ice
   d. The services of the Ice Hotel

2. What can you do in the hotel?
   a. Watch a movie
   b. Get married
   c. Eat an interesting meal
   d. All of the above

3. Why is sleeping NOT a problem at the hotel?
   a. The rooms are warm.
   b. The temperature is -2 °C.
   c. The sleeping bags are warm.
   d. The furniture is warm.

4. In which part of the hotel would you probably find the ice plates?
   a. The church
   b. The restaurant
   c. The rooms
   d. The art gallery

5. What do you think happens to this hotel in the spring?
   a. It freezes.
   b. It melts.
   c. It stays open.
   d. It moves.

Idiomatic Expressions

Find these idioms in the reading.

- **be into** [to enjoy doing]
  Matt doesn't like noisy music. So, he is not into heavy metal.
- **check in** [to go to the hotel's front desk and get the room key]
  You must check in before you go to your hotel room.
- **made (out) of** [built of]
  My desk is made of wood.

Fill in the blank with one of the above idioms. Change its form if necessary.

1. Did John _____ at the front desk this morning?
2. I _____ video games. I really like playing them.
3. Look at that house! What is it _____?

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Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

cozy	**fantastic**	**freezing**
surprisingly	**unique**	

The Ice Hotel is a/an 1 _____ hotel in Canada. It is made of only ice and snow. So, the inside temperature is usually 2 _____ cold. 3 _____, this hotel is very popular. Many people enjoy looking at the 4 _____ art in its gallery and eating from special ice dishes. Guests have a good sleep in the cold hotel rooms under the 5 _____ fur blankets.

Listening

A Visit to the Ice Hotel

Track 2 Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

1. At the end of the conversation, who wants to stay at the Ice Hotel?

a. The woman
b. The man
c. Both of them
d. Neither of them

2. How is the hotel inconvenient?

a. It is too cold.
b. It is fantastic.
c. It has an ice art gallery.
d. It has only one bathroom.

3. What will they probably do?

a. Stay at the Ice Hotel
b. Visit the art gallery in the Ice Hotel
c. Go to the bathroom at the Ice Hotel
d. Stay at the hotel next door

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Discussion

Discuss the following questions.

1. Would you like to stay in the Ice Hotel? Why or why not?
2. What is the most unusual place that you have heard of?
3. Have you ever visited an interesting place? What was it like?

Grammar

What Makes a Sentence?

A sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a terminal punctuation such as a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point. A single sentence consists of a single clause (a subject and a predicate). Other complex sentences consist of two or more clauses.

(Is / Are) you into skiing?

Of course, all of these parts of the hotel (is / are) made of ice.

Writing

Write your own short paragraph by answering the questions below.

An Interesting Place

(1) What is an interesting place in your country? **(2)** Where is it? **(3)** How or why is it interesting? **(4)** What can people do there?

Example

An interesting place in the United States is Las Vegas. This city is in the state of Nevada. It is interesting because it has big casinos. People can go to concerts, watch comedy shows, and try gambling there.

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Vocabulary and Idiom Review

A. Choose the best word or phrase to fill in the blank.

1. He _____ J.K. Rowling. He has every book she has written.
   a. hates b. is into c. checks in d. experiences

2. It's so cold outside that the water has turned to _____.
   a. freezing b. ice c. cold d. temperature

3. Picasso painted _____ pictures.
   a. designer b. cozy c. warm d. unique

4. Many people enjoy the _____ in that restaurant.
   a. atmosphere b. ice c. world d. drinking glasses

5. I really like *The Matrix*. It is a _____ movie.
   a. drinking b. fantastic c. freezing d. warm

6. That house is _____ wood.
   a. made of b. built by c. looked like d. gotten to

7. In very cold countries, people sometimes wear _____ coats.
   a. experience b. inside c. sleeping bag d. fur

B. Choose the correct form of the word to fill in the blank.

8. I gave her some flowers. She was _____.
   a. surprising b. surprised c. surprisingly

9. "It is so cold today." "Yes, it's _____!"
   a. frozen b. freeze c. freezing

10. It is _____ for me to go dancing. Actually, I don't dance well.
    a. usual b. unusual c. usually

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