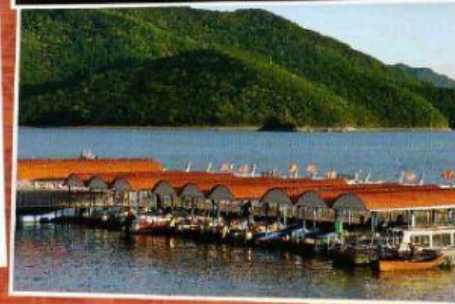
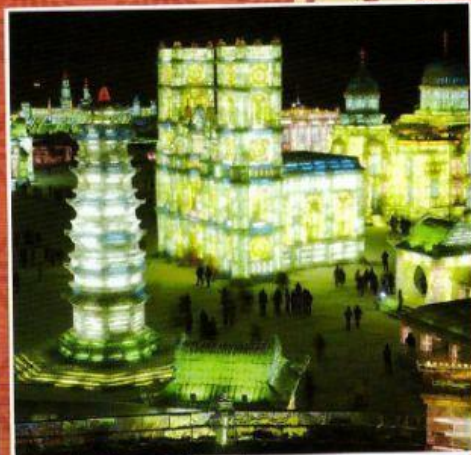


## 1. Read

Every year in Harbin, China, there's a festival of ice and snow. This is the ice city. It wasn't here in fall. Imagine! All these amazing buildings weren't here. This was a field!

The ice is from the Songhua River. It was water in summer! But now, in winter, it's ice. The statues were big blocks of ice and snow. Now they're beautiful sculptures of people and animals.

Harbin is very cold in winter. But in spring, it gets warm. The ice melts. There was an amazing city of snow and ice here. But now it's water again. It wasn't a dream! Come back next winter!



## 2. Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences.

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 The river             | a were big blocks of ice and snow. |
| 2 The ice city          | b was water in summer.             |
| 3 The statues           | c weren't here. This was a field!  |
| 4 The amazing buildings | d wasn't here in fall.             |

## 3. Read Grandma's email and circle the correct words.

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for your postcard! I was in Harbin in spring. The weather <sup>1</sup> **wasn't** / **weren't** cold. It <sup>2</sup> **was** / **were** warm but it <sup>3</sup> **was** / **were** rainy. The ice city <sup>4</sup> **wasn't** / **weren't** there! It melts in spring. The statues <sup>5</sup> **was** / **were** all water again. The river <sup>6</sup> **wasn't** / **weren't** ice. It <sup>7</sup> **was** / **were** water, too. But the people <sup>8</sup> **wasn't** / **weren't** sad! They can see the ice again in winter. Harbin <sup>9</sup> **was** / **were** very pretty in spring.

Love, Grandma



Student:

4. Write sentences with **was, wasn't, were, or weren't**.

1 ✓ We / at the festival

We were at the festival.

2 ✓ The fireworks / beautiful

3 ✗ I / tired

4 ✗ We / cold

5 ✓ The festival / great

5. Read

In many countries, Saint Valentine and love are synonyms. But is this association historically correct or is it only a legend? St Valentine was a Christian doctor who lived in Rome in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD (after Christ). In those days, the Christian religion was illegal and St Valentine married Christian couples in secret. The Romans were very angry and put him in prison.

When he was in prison, he met a young woman –she visited the prisoners, helped them and gave them comfort. Before he died –he was executed on February 14<sup>th</sup>– he sent a note to her and, at the end of the note, he wrote 'From your Valentine'.



This was probably the first valentine card, or the beginning of a legend.

6. Answer the questions

- Who was Saint Valentine?
- When did he live?
- Did he marry Roman people?
- Why did the Roman put him in prison?
- How did he die?

7. Fill the blanks with the verb in the past simple tense

- Romans \_\_\_\_\_ (be) angry with Valentine.
- Christian religion \_\_\_\_\_ (be) illegal at that time.
- Valentine secretly \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) Christians.
- The Romans \_\_\_\_\_ (put) him in prison.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/die) in March.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ write) a WhatsApp to his girlfriend.

8. Answer about yourself.

- a. What games did you play when you were a child?

- b. What music did you hear when you were a teenager?