

**Student Worksheet****Task 3 – Reading into Writing:**  
**Holidays****Task A – Complete the table**

	<b>Burj Al Arab</b>	<b>Jukkasjarvi</b>	<b>Hilton</b>
<b>Where is the hotel?</b>			
<b>What's different about it?</b>			

**Task B - Match the following with the hotel**

1. It's not made of normal building materials.
2. You can see fish swimming close up.
3. You are given rose water and dates when you arrive.
4. Reindeer fur is used for something
5. Helicopters are a common means of transport here.

**Task C - Which of these sentences are TRUE?**

1. The hotel in Dubai has 4 swimming pools.
2. In the ice hotel they often have barbecues in the bar.
3. The underwater hotel is partly under water not totally submerged.
4. In the underwater hotel, the fish are swimming in your room.
5. The ice hotel has been there for a long time.

## **Reading Texts**

### **Text 1**

#### **Burj Al Arab Hotel**

This 7 star hotel that people say is the world's most luxurious hotel is situated in Dubai. From a distance, it looks like the sail of a very tall ship. It is, in fact, one of the tallest hotels in the world.

The hotel has everything you need for a great holiday. There are 4 swimming pools, a private beach, a spa and restaurants with fantastic food. If you need a taxi, you can choose a Mercedes, a Rolls Royce or even a helicopter. When you arrive at the airport you can be collected by one of the hotel's cars or of course the helicopter.

On your arrival at the hotel you are welcomed by several members of staff offering you rose water, dates and coffee. In your room you have your own butler. He is there to look after you and provide whatever you need during your stay.

The price? Well that can be \$2000 a night.

### **Text 2**

#### **Ice Hotel - Jukkasjärvi**

This hotel is called the Ice Hotel because it's made completely of ice and snow. It's in Sweden in a town called Jukkasjärvi. It's a temporary hotel, they have to build it again every winter because in the summer it melts when the temperature starts rising. It needs a constant temperature of below freezing so less than 0 degrees centigrade.

You can stay there for a few days and nights of course. You probably won't want to stay longer unless you really like living in a very very cold place!

The bar is made of ice and the glasses are also made of ice! The entrance is full of ice statues and even the beds are made of ice so the visitors sleep in sleeping bags on animal skins, reindeer skins actually.

The food and drink is specially chosen for somewhere that is freezing all the time. Hot food is prepared but they can't cook it in the hotel, they cook outside on an open fire.

**Text 3**

**The Hilton - Maldives**

This hotel is partly above the water and partly under the water. It's one of the world's first underwater hotels.

Imagine waking up and seeing fish swimming around your room. But of course they aren't actually in your room, you are watching them through huge glass windows. It's the same in the restaurant, you sit at your table and the fish are just a few centimetres from you but on the other side of the glass.

It has a swimming pool (without fish of course), tennis courts and a golf course.

It's not the only underwater hotel, others have been built in other tropical paradise resorts around the world and they are ideal places for couples on their honeymoon.

**Answer Key:**

**Task A – Complete the table**

	<b>Burj Al Arab</b>	<b>Jukkasjarvi</b>	<b>Hilton</b>
<b>Where is the hotel?</b>	Dubai	Sweden	Maldives
<b>What's different about it?</b>	One of the tallest hotels in the world  You can use a helicopter as a mode of transport	It is made completely of ice and snow  They have to build it every year in winter	The hotel is partly underwater  You can see fish swimming in your room

**Task B**

1. Jukkasjarvi
2. Hilton
3. Burj Al Arab
4. Jukkasjarvi
5. Burj Al Arab

**Task C**

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False

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