

The Ice Hotel

Would you like to stay in a place where everything is made of ice, even the glasses in the bar? You could do that at the Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi, a little town in the far north of Sweden.

There are now several Ice Hotels around the world, but this was the very first one. It was also an art gallery. They used snow and blocks of ice from the river nearby to build the hotel. The ice melted every spring, so workers had to build a new hotel every winter. Every year, they designed a completely different hotel, so visitors could see new rooms every time.

Guests could sleep inside thermal sleeping bags on reindeer skins, on beds made of ice and snow. The temperature was around -5° Celsius (23° Fahrenheit). People had to wear thermal underwear and sometimes even a hat in bed!

Visitors also could drink from glasses made of ice and see amazing ice sculptures. At night, they could enjoy the Northern Lights. But they couldn't stay in the hotel during summer, because it melted!



1. Complete the sentences with could, had to, or couldn't.

- a) Workers _____ build a new hotel every winter.
- b) Visitors _____ see new rooms every year.
- c) Guests _____ sleep in thermal sleeping bags on reindeer skins.
- d) People _____ wear thermal underwear at night.
- e) Visitors _____ drink from glasses made of ice.
- f) Guests _____ enjoy the Northern Lights at night.
- g) Tourists _____ stay in the hotel during summer.

2. Write possibility, obligation, or impossibility.

- a) Workers had to build a new hotel every winter. _____
- b) Visitors could see new rooms every time. _____
- c) People had to wear thermal underwear. _____
- d) Guests could sleep on beds made of ice and snow. _____
- e) Visitors could drink from ice glasses. _____
- f) Tourists couldn't stay in the hotel during summer. _____

3. Write T for true or F for false.



- a) The Ice Hotel is in southern Sweden. _____
- b) The first Ice Hotel was also an art gallery. _____
- c) Visitors had to sleep in thermal sleeping bags. _____
- d) People could drink from normal glasses. _____
- e) The hotel melted every winter. _____
- f) Guests couldn't see the Northern Lights. _____



4. "My Special Hotel"

Imagine a new hotel (desert hotel, tree hotel, underwater hotel, etc.).

Write 2 things guests **had to do**, 2 things they **could do**, and 2 things they **couldn't do**.

Example:

In the Tree Hotel, visitors had to climb stairs.

They had to use a flashlight at night.

They could see birds and monkeys.

They could eat breakfast on the balcony.

They couldn't swim in the river at night.

They couldn't use an elevator.