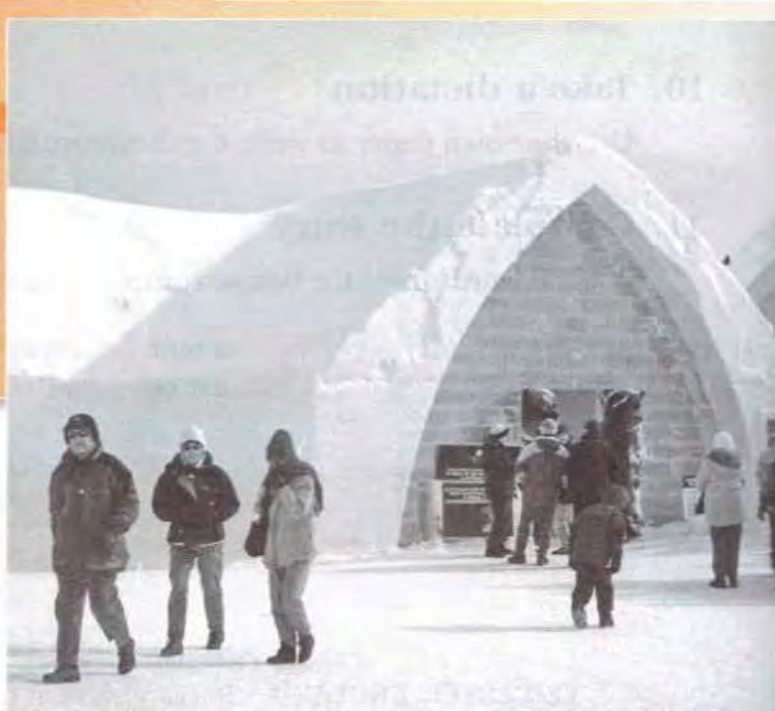


A Cool Hotel

1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.



QUEBEC, CANADA ¹Do you like very cold weather? Then maybe you would like to visit the Ice Hotel in Quebec—an **extraordinary** hotel made of snow and ice. ²The rooms and all the **furniture** in them are ice. You sleep on an ice bed—in warm blankets, of course!—and sit in an ice **armchair**. ³Even the flowers and newspapers in the room are **frozen**. Only the bathroom has **heat**. ⁴You can watch a movie in the frozen theater or, if you are thirsty, have a warm drink at the ice **cafe**

and listen to a **band**. ⁵Sang-hee Ha **recently** visited the hotel from Seoul, Korea. “I have always seen this in my **dreams**,” she said, “but the real thing is **unbelievable!**”

⁶The hotel is only open for one **season** each year. ⁷Each winter, about 35 builders work for six weeks to put up wood and metal walls. Then they cover everything with snow and water, which quickly harden to ice. ⁸In spring, this ice **palace** slowly **disappears** until nothing remains but a small lake.

NEW WORDS

ice *n*

extraordinary *adj*

furniture *n*

armchair *n*

frozen *adj*

heat *n*

cafe *n*

band *n*

recently *adv*

dream *n*

unbelievable *adj*

season *n*

palace *n*

disappear *v*

>> See Glossary on page 95. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



3. Check your comprehension

Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. The Ice Hotel is open ____ | 1. heat. |
| b. The furniture is ____ | 2. frozen beds. |
| c. Only the bathrooms have ____ | 3. in the spring. |
| d. In the cafe, you can ____ | 4. for only one season. |
| e. Visitors sleep on ____ | 5. made of ice. |
| f. The hotel disappears ____ | 6. listen to a band. |

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- The extra _____ hotel in Quebec is made of snow and i_____.
- The beds and _____ chairs are fr_____.
- You can listen to a b_____ at the ice _____.
- The pal_____ slowly dis_____s in the spring.

5. Listen to the story track 32

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- How is the Quebec hotel different from other hotels?
- What can you do there?
- How do the builders make it?
- Would you like to stay in the ice palace? Why or why not?

About you...

- Does your town have snow and ice in the winter? When does it disappear?
- What is your favorite season? Why?
- What dream did you have recently?
- What interesting place have you visited recently?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

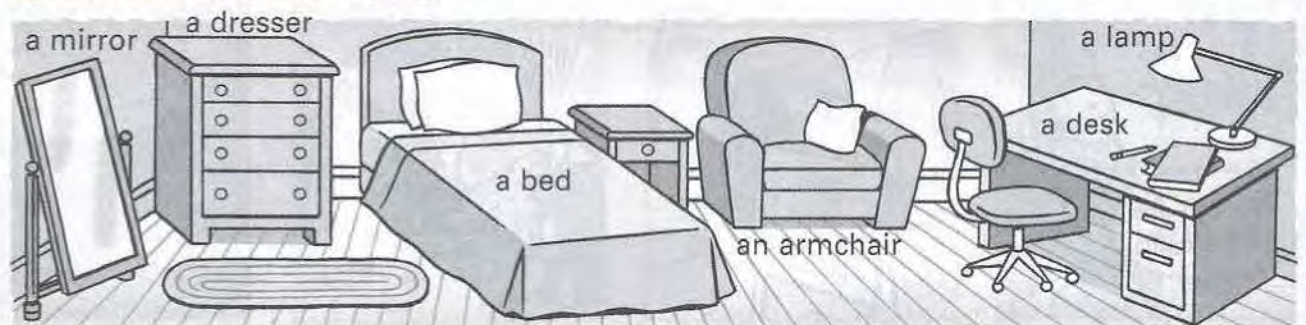
BAND		
listen to join play (something) in	a band	You can listen to a band at the Ice Hotel. <i>Debra joined a band.</i> <i>Ichiro plays guitar in a band.</i>
a pop/rock a popular a favorite	band	<i>Do you like the pop band Love Psychedelico?</i> <i>The Beatles were a popular band in England.</i> <i>My favorite band is the Black Eyed Peas.</i>

- _____ a very popular band in my country.
- My favorite _____ band is _____.
- You can listen _____ at _____ in my town.
- _____ play(s) _____ band.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

BEDROOM FURNITURE



- There's _____ in my bedroom.
- There isn't _____ or _____ in the room.
- I sleep on _____ and do my homework at _____.

10. Take a dictation track 33

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 87.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

recently furniture seasons
extraordinary armchairs lamps

A High Hotel

MYSORE, INDIA Would you like to sleep high up in a big tree in the jungle*? A hotel near Mysore, India, has three tree houses—each 30 meters high. Visitors live in the trees with singing birds, wild monkeys**, and other animals.

The tree houses have very simple

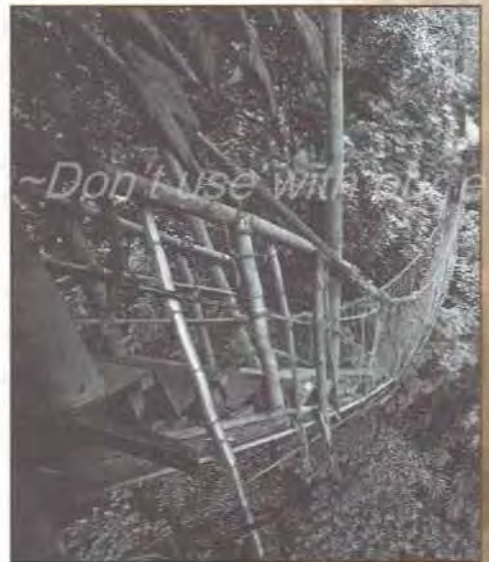
- (1) _____—two beds and two
(2) _____. There are also gas***
(3) _____. The bathroom has a toilet and a cold shower. The food at the hotel is wonderful. You eat everything on a banana leaf.

When should you visit the hotel? The best (4) _____ are fall and winter because it rains a lot in spring and summer in the Indian jungle. Annie Brown, an American tourist, visited the hotel (5) _____. “It’s an (6) _____ place,” she says. “But don’t go if you’re afraid of high places!”

* jungle: a thick forest in a hot part of the world

** monkeys: animals with long tails that can climb trees

*** gas: something like air that you burn to get light



Talk about the stories

Which hotel would you most like to visit—the Ice Hotel in Canada or the tree house hotel in India? Why?