Summarize a Text

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the sentence that best summarizes the part named.

READ THIS FIRST

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The hotel sits in the village of Jukkasjärvi, beside the Torne River. The river is the key to the whole idea. Its water is clean and flows slowly, so it freezes into clear, strong ice. Every March, workers cut huge blocks from the frozen river. Each block weighs about as much as a small car. The blocks are stored in a giant cold warehouse through the summer.

In November, building begins. Workers spray a mixture of snow and ice, called snice, over large metal frames. When the snice hardens, the frames are pulled out. What remains are tall, curved halls and rooms. Then the stored blocks are used for walls, pillars, and even a sparkling ice chandelier.

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2. Which sentence best summarizes the third paragraph?

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3. Which sentence best summarizes the second paragraph?

Artists from many countries carve rooms for the hotel.

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Workers cut clear ice from the river and store it.

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Artists carve the same rooms by hand every year.

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