Summarize a Text

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the detail that is important enough to include in a summary.

READ THIS FIRST

A Hotel Made of Ice

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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.

The most surprising part is the art. Artists from many countries send in ideas for rooms. The chosen artists travel to Sweden and carve their rooms by hand. One year a room might look like an underwater cave. Another year it might be filled with ice animals or giant flowers. No two rooms are the same, and no year repeats.

Staying there is an adventure. The temperature inside stays around 23 degrees Fahrenheit, below freezing. Guests sleep on beds carved from ice. Thick mattresses and warm sleeping bags keep them comfortable. In the morning, they warm up in a heated building nearby.

When spring arrives, the sun grows stronger. The hotel slowly softens and melts. Its water flows back into the Torne River, where it started. Months later, the cycle begins again.

Today, part of the hotel stays frozen all year. Solar panels power the cooling system that keeps it cold in summer. Still, most of the hotel is built new each winter. For many visitors, knowing that the rooms will disappear makes them feel even more special.

1. Which detail from later in the text should a complete summary include?

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   Each block weighs as much as a small car.

   One room looked like an underwater cave.

   Part of the hotel now stays frozen all year.

2. One year a room looked like an underwater cave.

   The ice chandelier sparkles in the main hall.

   Workers cut and store river ice every March.

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   Guests warm up in a heated building nearby in the morning.

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   The hotel melts each spring and flows back to the river.

4. Artists carve new rooms by hand every year.

   Each block weighs about as much as a small car.

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