Summarize a Text

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the detail that could be left out of a short summary.

READ THIS FIRST

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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 is too minor for a short summary?

   Most of the hotel melts each spring.

   The hotel is rebuilt every winter.

   The hotel is made from river ice.

   The hotel has a sparkling ice chandelier.

2. The village is called Jukkasjärvi.

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Workers cut ice from the river in March.

Artists carve a new set of rooms each year.

3. Artists carve the rooms by hand.

Each block weighs about as much as a small car.

Workers shape the halls from snice.

Water from the melted hotel flows back to the river.

4. Each year's rooms are different from the year before.

One year a room looked like an underwater cave.

The hotel melts each spring.

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