

SKATING TO WORK

Would you like to ice-skate to work in the winter? People who live in the city of Edmonton in Canada might soon be able to do just that.

The winters in Edmonton are very long and cold. The average temperature is -12°C . Because winters are difficult, people do nearly everything indoors. They often
5 become lazy and feel depressed during the long winter months. The city is looking for ways to encourage people to go outside and be active in the winter.

Matthew Gibbs thought of a way to do that. He wants to create a system of special paths of ice around the city. He calls the system of paths the Freezeway. Matthew was studying architecture when he thought of the idea. He designed the plans for
10 the Freezeway in a special competition in 2013. Designers from all over the world took part in the competition. They had to create something for the winter weather. Matthew's design was very successful and he won first place. "I wanted to look at what it would take to make people fall in love with winter," he said.

Many people in Edmonton think the Freezeway is a great idea. Scott McKeen, a city
15 official, says the frozen paths will be a "welcome addition to the city". People will have a reason to spend more time outdoors. They will be able to skate to work or to school. The Freezeway will be good for the environment because fewer people will use cars to get to the city center. It will also be a great tourist attraction. "I only wish there was something like the Freezeway when I was growing up," said Matthew.

Answer questions 1-8 in English according to the article. In questions 3, 5, 6 and 8, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. PUT A ✓ BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

What do we learn about the people of Edmonton in lines 1-6?

- i) They like the average winter temperature.
- ii) They like to go outside in the winter.
- iii) They may be able to skate to work.
- iv) It's difficult for them to stay indoors.
- v) They often get depressed in winter.

(2 x 7 = 14 points)

2. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (lines 3-6)

The city is trying to find ways for people to

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(9 points)

3. The Freezeway is a (-). (lines 7-13)

- i) special competition
- ii) system of ice paths
- iii) city in Canada

(7 points)

4. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (lines 7-13)

We know that Matthew's design was good because he

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(8 points)

5. Matthew planned and designed the Freezeway because he wanted to (-).
(lines 7-13)

- i) help people enjoy winter more
- ii) help people get to work easily
- iii) meet designers from other places

(7 points)

6. Scott McKeen (-). (lines 14-19)

- i) doesn't want to attract more tourists
- ii) likes to spend time outdoors
- iii) thinks the Freezeway is a good idea

(8 points)

7. How will the Freezeway help the environment? (lines 14-19)

ANSWER:

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(9 points)

8. Matthew is sorry that (-). (lines 14-19)

- i) he won't be able to use the Freezeway
- ii) the Freezeway will bring more tourists
- iii) there wasn't a Freezeway when he was a kid

(8 points)
