



# “Ice Fishing”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages <sup>(4)</sup>

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

The first tip for a good day of ice fishing is to wear the right clothes. You should dress in layers. Wear 2 or 3 shirts, so you can take off a layer when you are warm. Wear a face mask, a warm hat with ear flaps over your ears, and warm gloves and boots.

The second tip is to stay warm. Some people put up cloth **tents** when they go ice fishing. Some people own small ice houses where they can stay warm. You can use a small heater inside the tent or outside on the ice. Be sure to take a hot drink like hot chocolate. You should move around to stay warm. Some people take ice skates.

The third tip is to **check** the ice. Look at it carefully. The ice must be 4 or more inches thick. This is the ice rule: “Thick and blue, tried and true. Thin and crispy, way too **risky**.” Thick ice is safe for ice fishing. Thin ice is dangerous.

The fourth tip is to take the right tools. You need to drill a hole in the ice with an ice drill. Then make the hole bigger with a chopping tool, like an ax. You need to carry your **bait** in a bait bucket. Use worms or small fish for bait. You need a chair to sit on. Take a **folding** chair so you can carry it easily. Be sure to take your fish hooks and fishing rod! Pull all your tools on a sled. Take your cell phone. You might need to call for help.

The fifth tip is to have a great time!

## Questions:

1) You need ear flaps over your ears to...

- A. keep water out of your ears.
- B. protect your ears from noise.
- C. keep your ears warm.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

2) You should move around to...

- A. keep warm in the cold weather.
- B. keep from falling in the water.
- C. scare the large animals away.
- D. make the fish come to you.

3) How should you check the ice?

- A. Look at the ice carefully.
- B. Chop a hole in the ice.
- C. Drill a hole in the ice.
- D. Skate on the ice.

4) What can you use for bait?

- A. Hot chocolate
- B. Small fish
- C. Worms
- D. Both B and C are correct.



5) How thick must the ice be?

- A. 2 inches
- B. 3 inches
- C. 4 inches
- D. 5 inches

## Vocabulary:

1) **Tents** are...

- A. hats
- B. boots
- C. heaters
- D. shelters



2) Another way to say **check** is...

- A. look over carefully.
- B. cut with an ax.
- C. follow the rule.
- D. use the right tool.

3) Something that is **risky** is...

- A. safe.
- B. thick.
- C. crispy.
- D. dangerous.

4) What is **bait**?

- A. Something the fish want to eat
- B. A kind of pail or bucket
- C. Something to sit on
- D. None of the above.

5) A **folding** chair is a chair that...

- A. you should take ice fishing.
- B. you can fold to make smaller.
- C. you can carry easily.
- D. All of the above.