

BRAILLE READING PASSAGE: WORKSHOP 21

Shortforms Set 5

The Wonders of Winter

If you find yourself looking for something to do, and you live where the weather itself almost never changes all year, I myself would recommend coming to a place where you can experience winter for yourself. Winter itself is a season like no other, although you can possibly argue that you can experience similar conditions somewhere where it is almost constantly cold, such as a mountaintop. I myself have lived through many winter seasons but have never been on a snowy mountaintop, so it is hard for me to say if they are comparable. I can only share the wonders one can experience for himself or herself during the winter months. Almost everyone has probably heard about winter, even if he or she has not been able to be a part of it himself or herself. Putting knowledge about winter together with winter experiences I myself find to be most enjoyable.

While winter is, by definition, cold, it is the cold itself that allows people to come together for some fun activities. Cold weather allows ice to be able to form outdoors on many different-sized bodies of water. That ice is used by ice fishermen who tend to put their little ice shanties together in one area of a lake so they can socialize. They also tend to make use of almost every little square inch of the little shacks they stay in. A shanty may even include a heater to make it more comfortable to stay out fishing for long amounts of time—although one wouldn't want to give himself or herself frostbite by staying out too long. I myself have never gone ice fishing, although I did grow up doing a different activity on the ice, and that was ice skating. Ice skating can take on different forms. Almost everyone is familiar with figure skating. Figure skating itself can be a beautiful sport to watch or to participate in if you yourself are talented and practice a great deal. If someone wants to involve himself or herself in a more aggressive ice skating sport, hockey may be the sport of choice, although speed skating may meet that need too.

Together with ice, snow is the next thing most people associate with winter. I myself find so many easy activities you can involve yourself in using snow. You can make a snow fort, you can have a snowball fight, and you can make a snow angel which is so lovely itself and so simple to do. One can make a snowman for himself or herself, or you might get together a group of friends to go sledding.

One might almost forget that some activities can be done recreationally or more competitively. Cross-country skiing and downhill skiing are two examples. There are races that you can try for yourself involving either type of skiing. Each type of skiing itself requires some training. I myself have never actually done either type of skiing, although one would think almost everyone living his or her entire life where there is a winter season would have tried at least one of those once. Snowmobiling is another activity which can be recreational or competitive, but most people do the activity recreationally. It is something many people like to do in groups as they can ride from place to place together, which is fun socially, but can also be safer. Although snowshoeing itself may be considered a bit of a “tamer” activity, it still is something which can be done for fun or for competition, and it takes a little practice. As for myself, I learned how to walk in snowshoes when I was in junior high.

As you yourself can tell, the winter cold isn't something to be dreaded, but winter as a season itself is rather something that can be enjoyed.

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