

When Sylvia lived in Maine, she skated on the pond near her house every winter. But then she moved to Florida, where the winters were not cold enough for ice to cover the ponds.

One day she took out her shiny skates and looked at them. "I wish I could go somewhere cold and skate again," she said to her father.

"I know just the place," her father answered.

"What?" cried Sylvia. "It's too hot here for ice skating!"

Sylvia and her father got on the bus and rode to a big building in the city. When they went inside, Sylvia could not believe her eyes. There was a skating rink, just like a pond covered with ice! Sylvia put on her skates as quickly as she could and shot out onto the ice.

3rd Grade—Opinion

In the story, Sylvia moves from Maine, where it is cold, to Florida, where it is warm. In your opinion, which type of weather is better? Write an essay that clearly states your opinion. Be sure to include reasons and details to support your opinion.

3rd Grade—Informative/Explanatory

In the story, Sylvia's favorite activity is ice skating. Think about your favorite activity. Write an essay that explains why this activity is your favorite. Use details to explain your answer.

3rd Grade—Narrative

In the story, Sylvia's father surprises her with a trip to an indoor ice skating rink. Think of a time when you were pleasantly surprised. Write a story that tells what happened. Be sure to include details of the surprise.