



Ice

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Powerful Verbs



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I can identify verbs	
I can identify powerful verbs	
I can use powerful verbs in my own writing	

Spotting Powerful Verbs 1

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There are some really powerful verbs in this short extract. Can you spot any? Underline them or write them down once you have found them.



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Enveloping: to cover, wrap up, or surround completely; imagine the wall of ice covering everything in its path! **Devoured**: eating something quickly or hungrily; picture the 'hungry cold' eating everything in its path! Very powerful verbs indeed!



Question time

- What is causing this seemingly endless winter?
- How do you think people will try and survive it?
- Is the winter a bad thing for all of the creatures of the world?
- What do you think this building was used for?
- Where have its *inhabitants* (the people who lived there) gone?
- Who do you think this statue is showing?

Spend a couple of minutes thinking about these questions and jot down some ideas on your paper or whiteboard.



Challenge time!

Here are a couple of follow-up tasks for you to choose from.

- 1. Design and draw** a building made entirely from ice. Write a short paragraph describing your building. Can you include some **powerful verbs**?
- 2. Finish the story or write your own *short story*** called 'Winter is Coming'. Remember to include some of those **powerful verbs** we've been finding out about.

Remember that you can email your completed work to me.



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