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Section IV News Report Question 1

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Storm Shuts Down Region

In January 15, 2009, a heavy
snow storm came to Canada
in [redacted] city. Many car
accidents and injuries happened
during the past 2 weeks.



Annotation:

The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo, but the focus on an event is unclear or inconsistent. There are insufficient supporting details: too few or repetitious (*January 15, 2009, ...during the past 2 weeks*). There is limited evidence of organization.

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It is a nice quiet town in city Ontario, hundreds are left stuck in their homes due to heavy overnight snowfall on December 27th 2010.



Most residents of the town are unable to leave their property because of the two feet of snow holding their vehicles hostage!

Joe, seen clearing snow from his driveway stated, "We have not seen such a bad storm since 1999!"

Most residents of the town are expected to be house bound for the next few days because the roads aren't expected to be cleared until December 30th, just in time for New Years.

Annotation:

There is a clear and consistent focus on an event (*stuck in their homes due to heavy overnight snowfall*). There are sufficient supporting details. Some are specific (*hundreds, two feet, Joe, 1999, December 30th*). Other details are vague (*most residents, few days*). The organization is mechanical.