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Inuit People



Inuit

Today many Inuit live in modern prefabricated homes. They have running water and bathrooms. Years before the Inuit would live in an igloo, sod house, or a house made out of stone with a roof made out of whale bone or stone during the winter.

They would build the igloo to protect them from the cold and the blowing winds. Today, if necessary they use the igloo when they are out hunting during the winter months.



An igloo is made of large blocks cut out of snow. The igloo is dome-shaped. It is built block by block in a spiral. The entrance is dug deeper in the snow and has a short tunnel to help to keep the igloo warm. Sometimes they connect more than one igloo to another by building a tunnel. They keep their food cold by burying it in the snow outside the igloo. A fire is made in the center of the igloo. They make a small hole in the top to let the smoke out and for ventilation.

A sod house is comfortable and warm during the frigid winters. Most sod homes were made out of driftwood and sod. Sometimes they made the house out of stones and covered it with a sod roof, others would dig a large hole in the ground and then make a roof out of sealskin or sod.



During the dark days and nights the Inuit would use oil lamps to light the igloo and sod house. They also used oil for heat. Seal fat and whale blubber was used to make the oil.

Read each sentence. Circle true or false.

Draw an igloo in the box below.

1. Inuits used light bulbs to light the igloo.

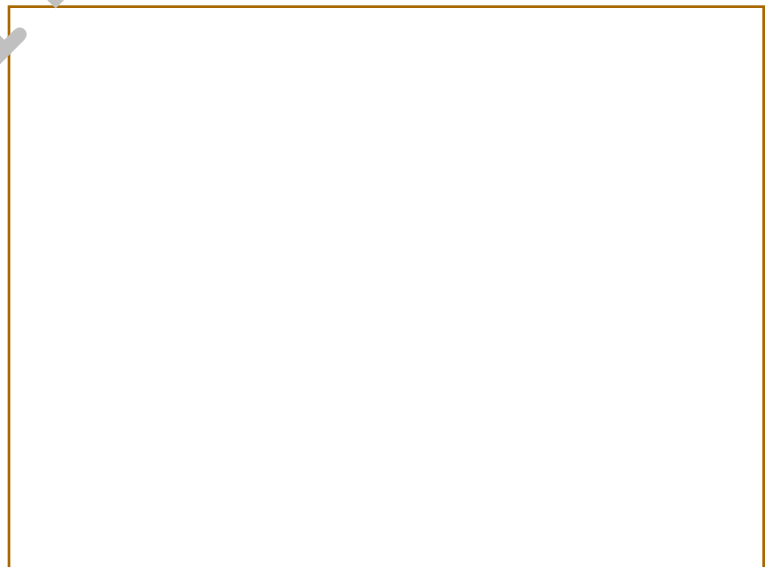
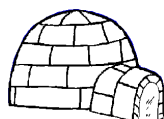
true false

2. A sod house is made out of bricks.

true false

3. An igloo is dome-shaped.

true false



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Dogsleds were an important means of transportation for the Inuit. They made sleds out of the bones of animals with skins pulled and stretched across them.

The dogs would protect the Inuit by scaring away bears and other dangerous animals. They pulled dogsleds in the winter months and were used as pack animals in the summer.



Dog sleds are still used today, however snowmobiles have become very popular. The dogs that pull the sleds are called husky's. They love the cold weather. The dogs are very strong, and can run for long periods of time.

Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing word.

1. _____ were an important means of transportation.
2. Dogs would _____ the Inuit by scaring away bears and other dangerous animals.
3. Dogs that pull sleds are called _____.
4. The dogs can run for _____ periods of time.
5. During the summer the dogs were used as _____ animals.





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Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

hunters
igloos

walrus
sled

winter
tents

fur
dogs

