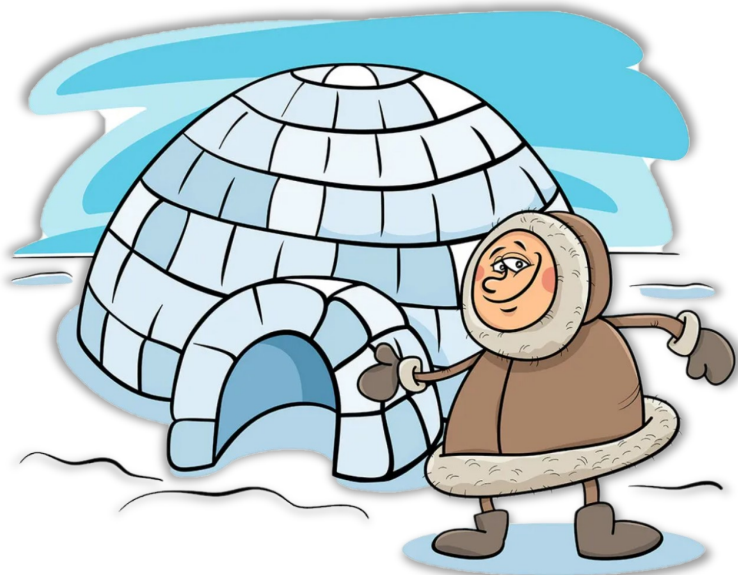


IGLOOS

Read the text and answer the following questions.

An igloo is a type of shelter built of snow. In Inuit language, it is also known as a snow house or snow hut. Although igloos are often associated with all Inuit and Eskimo peoples, they were traditionally used only by the people of Canada's Central Arctic and Greenland's Thule area. Other Inuit tended to use snow to insulate their houses, which were constructed from whalebone and hides. Snow was used because the air pockets trapped in it make it an insulator. Outside an igloo, temperatures may be as low as -45°C (-49°F), but inside, the temperature may range from -7 to 16°C (19 to 61°F) when warmed by body heat alone.



The Inuit are careful to keep their igloos clean and livable, just as they keep their houses. The worst chore is to clean the cracks in the floor. Once cleaned, the igloo is tidy and bright. In the morning, the igloo is very cold, because it's not heated during the night. The only source of heat and light in the igloo is the qulliq. Clothes were hung to dry above the qulliq.

1. What does Igloo mean in Inuit language?

2. Who did use igloos traditionally?

3. From what did Inuit construct their houses?

4. Why are the igloos cold in the mornings?

