



Igloos

An igloo is a shelter built from snow. They are used in the Arctic. It is very cold in the Arctic. A long time ago people lived in igloos. Now, igloos are only used as a base for hunting trips.

R: What is an igloo made from?

R: What are igloos used for now?

Igloos are made from hard snow. The hard snow is cut into blocks. The igloo is built from the blocks. The snow blocks are put into a circle. This is the base. Then more blocks are built on top. The walls curve inwards. The igloo is a dome shape with a short tunnel at the front.

E: Why do you think the snow is cut into blocks?

The igloo needs an entrance. The hunter cuts a small hole in the igloo. Now people can get in and out. The entrance needs a tunnel. The tunnel is made from snow blocks. This stops the wind blowing in. The tunnel will keep the igloo warmer.

V: What does the word entrance mean? Circle your answer.

a way in

a way down

a way up

I: Draw the shape of an igloo below.



Fresh snow is put between the blocks. This acts like cement on bricks. This makes the igloo strong. Then the igloo is covered in snow. This helps keep it warm inside. The warm air in the igloo can't get out. The cold air outside can't get in.

The hunter puts animal skins on the floor. The skins are warmer than the snow. It is like a carpet. The igloo is shelter from the cold wind. The igloo keeps the hunter warm.

V: What does the word shelter mean? Circle your answer.

a place to hide from bad weather or danger

somewhere to play

somewhere to cook

Answers:

R: Snow –accept hard snow.

R: Igloos are now used as a base for hunting trips.

E: So that they are easier to build with/ they stack more easily.

V: A way in.

I: Ensure the image drawn matches the description.

V: Somewhere to hide from bad weather or danger.