

Inuit Homes



Inuits live in the Arctic which is the area around the North Pole.

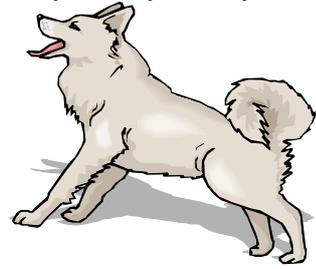
The inuit word igloo means house of snow.

Inuits would cut blocks of snow and build them around a pit. This pit is where they would sleep.

Igloos are very strong and inside they are very warm. They would light a lamp called a kudlik filled with whale or seal oil to keep warm.

Inuits also live in houses built of stone, wood or whalebones. They use animal skins to create walls which help the house to stay warm.

Inuit Travel



Inuit people often use dog sleds pulled by huskies to travel over ice and snow.

The dogs can run for a long time and they work together as a team.

The musher is the driver and they use landmarks like rivers and hills to guide them on their journey so they don't get lost!

If there were no landmarks they would build an inuksuk out of stones; a bit like a sign.

Today the Inuit also use snowmobiles called Skidoos. These are more noisy than the dogs and make it hard to hunt because animals can hear them coming.

Inuit Clothing

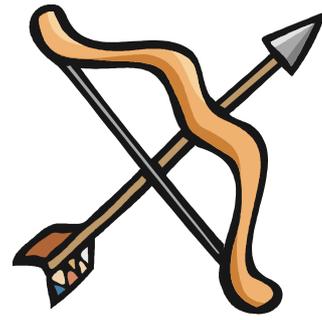


It is extremely cold in the arctic so the inuits need to keep very warm. They make all of their clothes from animals. Their fur jackets are called parkas and their trousers are made from seal or polar bear skins.

They even used animal skin to make their shoes which were boots called mukluks.

Because the sun is so bright they had to make goggles from antlers to protect their eyes, with small slits in so they could see.

Inuit food



The inuit depend on animals to survive. They make their clothes from them and eat them! Nothing was wasted.

They would hunt for seals and whales in boats called kayaks with harpoons and spears which were very sharp.

The inuit men would hunt in groups and would wait near holes in the ice where they knew seals would come up for air.

On the land they hunted polar bears and caribou with bows and arrows.

They would often eat the meat raw and share between their families.