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At the North Pole it gets very cold in winter. The temperature can be minus 40 degrees. Panerak Simigak is an Inuit girl. She is twelve years old. Panerak lives in a village near the North Pole with her parents and two brothers.

The village is very small. Only seventy Inuit live there. The Simigaks live in a wooden house in

the centre of the village. They've got two rooms — a small room for sleeping and a larger living room and kitchen. The Simigaks burn coal on a stove because there isn't any gas or electricity in the village. There is no running water either. Panerak's father collects pieces of ice. Her mother melts the ice on the stove and they use the water for drinking and washing.

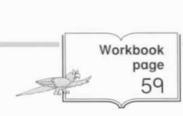
There is no television in the village either. The Simigaks often visit friends in their homes. Panerak visits an old woman once a week. The old woman tells stories from long ago. Panerak likes these stories.

Panerak goes to school in the village. After school she plays with her friends. They play in the snow. Her brothers are too

old to go to the village school. They go to school in the nearest town. It is eighty kilometres away.

Panerak's father is a hunter. He kills animals – polar bears, reindeer, foxes, rabbits, seals and whales.
Panerak's brothers sometimes go hunting with their father. But they don't want to be hunters when they leave school. And Panerak wants to work in a shop!





# Ask and answer



- I How old is Panerak?
- 2 Where does she live?
- 3 Who does she live with?
- 4 Where does she go to school?
- 5 What does she do in her free time?
- 6 How many brothers and sisters has she got?



# Complete the sentences



The Simigaks burn coal because there isn't any gas or electricity in the village.

- The Simigaks burn coal because \_\_\_ .
- 2 Panerak's father collects pieces of ice because \_\_\_.
- 3 Panerak doesn't watch TV because \_\_\_.
- 4 Her brothers don't go to the village school because \_\_\_\_.

## Your work

Write about your self. Write about your family, your home, your school and your free time.

My name is Andrew Jones. I live in Gook with my two sisters. Gook is a small town in the north of England.

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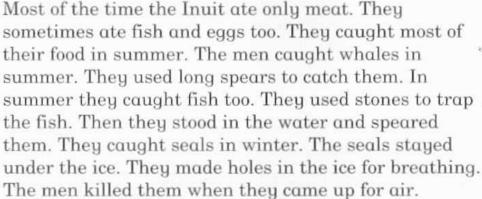


Until about a hundred years ago the Inuit lived a traditional life. They moved from place to place to find food. They kept dogs to pull their sledges across the snow and ice. The Inuit lived in small groups with a few families in each group. All the men were hunters. They hunted and caught animals, birds and fish.



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In winter the Inuit built houses of earth and stones; in summer they lived in tents made of animal skins. The men used ice to build igloos when they were away hunting. They melted ice to make water too.







Animals gave the Inuit everything they needed. They made clothes, tents and bags from their skins. They used their bones to make tools and spears. They built their boats and sledges with both skins and bones.

But the life of the Inuit has changed. They use snowmobiles today instead of dog sledges and guns instead of spears. Life is more comfortable but the old skills and culture might disappear for ever.

# Listen, read and say 🖂

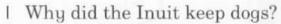
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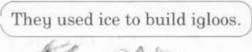






- 2 Where did they live in summer?
- 3 How did they get their food?
- 4 Why did they melt ice?
- 5 What did they eat?
- 6 How did they catch whales?
- 7 When did they catch seals?
- 8 How did they make their clothes?





dogs

They used ice to make water.













ice

sledges

earth

stones

skins

bones

spears

