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During the summer months, the monastery is very busy, for it is visited by thousands of people who cross the Pass in cars. As there are so many people about, the dogs have to be kept in a special enclosure. In winter, however, life at the monastery is quite different. The temperature drops to  $-30^{\circ}$  and very few people attempt to cross the Pass. The monks prefer winter to summer for they have more privacy. The dogs have greater freedom, too, for they are allowed to wander outside their enclosure. The only regular visitors to the monastery in winter are parties of skiers who go there at Christmas and Easter. These young people, who love the peace of mountains, always receive a warm welcome at St. Bernard's monastery.

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**about 的用法** 【somewhere near / close to / on every direction】：

- The house is *about* the river. [prep, somewhere near]
- Weeds grow abundantly *about* the house. [prep, somewhere near]
- He is somewhere *about*. [adv, somewhere near]
- Look *about* and see if you can find it. [adv, around / on every direction]
- A crowd gathered *about* him. [adv, around / on every direction]

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**As winter descends upon the monastery, bringing temperatures to as low as  $-30^{\circ}$  and dissuading all but a brave few from attempting to cross the Pass, life undergoes a shift here, where monks find solace in the winter months, appreciating the heightened privacy, and the dogs, too, revel in increased freedom as they roam beyond their usual enclosure. During this season, the monastery's exclusive visitors consist of skiing parties drawn to the mountain's serene ambiance, warmly welcomed at St. Bernard's during the festive periods of Christmas and Easter.**