

Title: Living in the Cold

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

climate

sled

insulation

survive

waterproof

1. Places near the equator have a very warm climate.
2. I should wear my waterproof shoes since it is raining today.
3. The quickest way to get down the hill is to use a sled.
4. Despite being lost in the tundra for a week, he was able to survive.
5. Our windows have insulation to keep the cold out of the house.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Cities are places where necessities of life are not easy to find. T / F
2. The Sami hunt reindeer. T / F
3. Reindeer calves are safest on small islands. T / F
4. Mongolia is very cold because it is so close to the Arctic Circle. T / F
5. The Mongolians build a new ger each time they move to a new place. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Seal skin makes the Inuit's parka (waterproof / layered).
2. The Sami make sausage from reindeer's (skin / blood).
3. The Sami use (reindeer / huskies) to pull their sleds.
4. The Mongolians are a (semi-nomadic / nomadic) people.
5. In the summer, the Mongolians wear a (dan del / terleg).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why can't the Inuit cook their food?

- a. It is too cold to build fires.
- b. There is no place to build fires.
- c. There are no trees to burn.
- d. Fires would melt their homes.

2. Which is NOT used to make a lavvu?

- a. Reindeer fur
- b. Poles
- c. Seal skin
- d. Birch twigs

3. Which of the following do the Sami use reindeer for?

- a. Food
- b. Clothing
- c. Transportation
- d. All of the above

4. Why do the Mongolians move two to four times a year?

- a. To find better shelter
- b. To hunt animals
- c. To move to warmer places
- d. To find better pastures

5. Which is something that the Mongolian people wear in cold weather?

- a. Dan del
- b. Khurm
- c. Ger
- d. Lavvu

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

tundra	sleds	cashmere	semi-nomadic	herds
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Most people live in cities, but some choose to live in very cold climates. The people of Northern Canada are called the Inuit. They live on a tundra, so there are no trees. The Inuit hunt and fish. Because there are no trees, they do not cook their food. They use seal skin to keep their clothes waterproof. They use sleds as a mode of transportation. The Sami people live near the Arctic Circle. The winters are long, and it is very cold. The Sami people travel with their reindeer herds. They use reindeer for their clothing, food, and shelter. Mongolia is another cold place to live. Mongolians are semi-nomadic people who also herd animals. They use camels and horses for transportation. They make cashmere from goats. They live in tents called gers. These have a fireplace in the center for warmth. It may be more difficult to live in cold places, but the Inuit, the Sami, and Mongolians are able to survive well.