A House of Snow and Ice
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The top of the world is covered with ice and snow. It is very cold there. There are no trees. Animals like seals, polar bears, and caribou live there.

People have lived there for many years. They travel far from their homes to hunt animals. But it is very cold. Where can they rest? They can build an igloo.

An **igloo** is a house made with blocks of snow. It is shaped like a circle. There is a door that you can crawl through to get inside. Animal furs cover the door and keep the cold air out.

The hunters start a fire in the igloo. The walls trap the heat inside and keep the cold air out. The hunters rest on beds made from animal furs. Then they leave the igloo and keep hunting. They do not live in the igloos all year. They live with their families in houses made of wood.

Igloos have helped people survive at the top of the world for many years. Do you think it would be fun to live in one?

**Glossary**

**igloo**: a house made from snow and ice