

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (moon)

"This story focuses on the 'oo' sound as in 'moon.' Watch for words like 'igloo,' 'smooth,' and 'moon' as you read!"



Life in the Arctic Igloo

Long ago, some people built homes called igloos. These homes were made of smooth blocks of snow.

Even though it was cold outside, the igloo kept the inside warm. The round shape helped the snow stay strong.

Families sat in one big room. They cooked food and shared stories by the light of the moon.

Today, igloos still stand as strong homes in places that stay cool all year.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

igloo

moon

smooth

room

food



Name: _____

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1. What were igloos made of?

- A. Wooden logs
- B. Smooth blocks of snow
- C. Stone bricks
- D. Big metal sheets

2. Why did families sit together in the igloo?

- A. To stay cool
- B. To keep warm and share stories
- C. To go to sleep early
- D. To hide from animals

3. Fill in the blank:

The round shape helped the snow stay _____.

4. Why do you think igloos kept people warm even though they were made of snow?

5. If you could visit an igloo, what would you want to do inside?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'oo' (as in "moon")

Genre: Nonfiction – History & Cultures

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, they, their

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're working on words where 'oo' says the /oo/ sound, like in 'moon' and 'igloo.'"
 2. Have you ever built something out of snow?
 3. Why do you think people used snow to build homes in the Arctic?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'oo' makes the /oo/ sound like in "moon." Try that sound first when seeing this pattern.
 2. Watch for 'oo' words and say them clearly.
 3. Why do you think the igloo was shaped like a round dome?
 4. Try reading the last sentence like you're sharing an amazing fact!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how people used igloos to stay warm?
 2. Why do you think families shared stories inside the igloo?
 3. If you could visit a place that stays cool all year, where would you go?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'oo' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're telling a friend about a cozy snowy home!
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Activity Idea

Draw a picture of an igloo and show what people might do inside it. Label at least three things using 'oo' words and write a sentence about why igloos are special homes.

Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to imagine how warm and cozy an igloo would feel despite the cold outside!

