

## THE INUIT PEOPLE

The Canadian Arctic is one of the most remote places in the world and it has a very harsh environment but the Inuit people have managed to survive there for thousands of years.

The early settlers depended on hunting and fishing to survive. They lived in temporary camps and moved

from place to place as they hunted. Animals were the main sources of fuel, building supplies, clothes and food. Nowadays, the Inuit lifestyle is very different. Most people live in houses and the way of life has been influenced greatly by the arrival of modern technology and people from the south.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN INUIT TEENAGER

Hi! My name is Tom Etok and I live in a .....<sup>1</sup> called Kangiqsualujjuaq. It's in Ungava Bay in Quebec. It isn't very big, but there's a .....<sup>2</sup>, three shops, a fire station, a .....<sup>3</sup> and, of course, a small .....<sup>4</sup>! That's really important for communication! I go to Ulluriaq school with .....<sup>5</sup> other students. It's a new school because our old school was destroyed by an avalanche! We have lessons every day from 8.45 to .....<sup>6</sup> and we study in three languages: English, French and Inuttituk – that's my native language. After school I usually spend time with my friends. We sometimes play .....<sup>7</sup> in the village or we climb the mountains on snowmobiles – that's fun! Occasionally we hunt ptarmigans or go .....<sup>8</sup>. A ptarmigan is a white arctic bird and it's very good to eat! My favourite food is



Caribou or Beluga – that's a type of whale – but I .....<sup>9</sup> almost anything! The local shops sell fresh fruit and vegetables and you can buy things like pasta and bread, too. After dinner, I .....<sup>10</sup> or watch television for a while and then I go to bed. That's it! A day in my life. Is it very different to yours?

### Listening



- 3** Listen to Tom Etok and fill in the blanks in the paragraph above.



- 4** Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where's Kangiqsualujjuaq?
- 2 What are its main facilities?
- 3 How many languages does Tom study?
- 4 What's a ptarmigan?
- 5 What's Tom's favourite food?
- 6 What does Tom do after dinner?

### Speaking

- 5** Work in pairs. Discuss the things that you would like or wouldn't like about Tom's life. Talk about climate, his town, his free time, school, food, etc. Compare his daily routine to yours.

### Writing

- 6** Write a short passage: 'A day in my life'. Use Tom's text as a model.