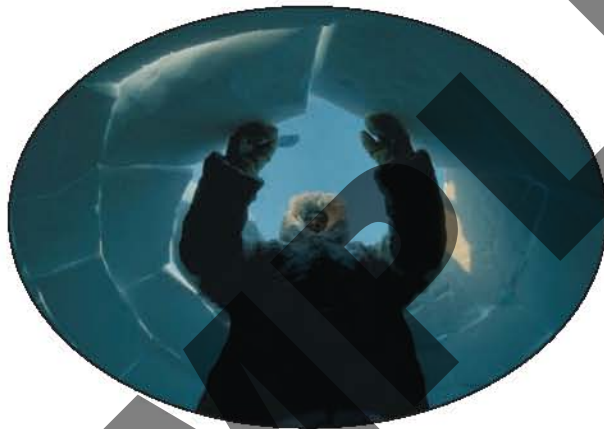


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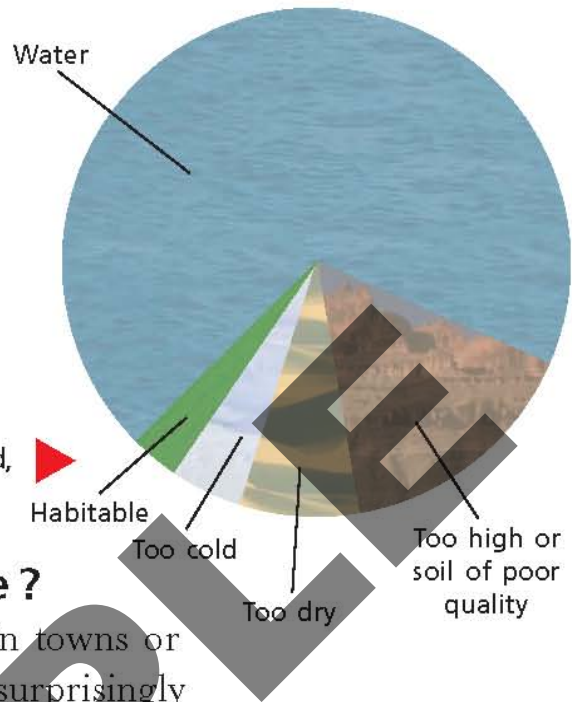
Introduction

People are not spread evenly throughout the world. Although nearly six billion people are now living on Earth, only about 10 percent of the land is suitable for human settlement.

Water covers more than two-thirds of the Earth's surface. Most of the land is too cold, dry, high, or **barren** to support humans.

Where Does Everyone Live ?

About half the world's people live in towns or cities. Most other people live on a surprisingly small part of the globe. There are huge areas of the Earth where no one lives.



Most people want to live where the climate is not too harsh, and where they can find food easily and make homes for their families.

However, even today – when it is possible to fly from New York to Europe in an afternoon – there are still people who live in places that seem both difficult and dangerous. How do they do it? Can we learn some lessons in survival from them?

Could you live through an Arctic winter or a hot, dry summer in the Sahara?

Survival!

Everyone needs:

- food
- water
- shelter
- to keep in contact with other people.

