

savoonga /1/ nome

_____ a fun vacation destination in winter. And also, that you _____. Now, _____ might pull out a **map of Alaska**, _____ Anchorage, its largest city, and then decide that this just isn't _____ and let **your finger** wander north and west, _____ mountain ranges, _____ millions of acres of wilderness, until you ran out of dirt. You would be in Nome. Nome _____ home to **the desperate**, the cutthroats and the half dead. Nome, the end of the Earth.

savoonga /2/ st. lawrence island

Nome _____ the end of the Earth and it does look the part. _____. You can see that, right on the map. To get to _____ end of the Earth from Nome you _____ a **small plane** and _____ 130 miles out into the Bering Sea, _____ Russia, where you would land on _____ from Alaska that it is actually closer to Russia than the U.S. mainland. The island's name is **St.Lawrence Island**. To the people of Siberia, this island is the middle of nowhere. On it, _____ the map, is a village named Savoonga.

savoonga /3/ funny story

I was looking at this place _____ exists and it _____ a **funny story**. In the dead of winter, I would pack up and _____ Savoonga, _____ and unprepared. _____ **no research** at all, and no planning, _____. I _____ book a room, if _____ to be had. But beyond that, nothing. We **journalists** believe that a good reporter can find a great story anywhere. _____ I found myself **in a small plane** _____ February, looking out onto a beautiful white landscape below.

savoonga /4/ eskimos & refrigerators

I'm back now from Savoonga, trying to _____ I saw, trying to _____ **tell the story**. _____ putting to rest one cliché. _____ refrigerators to Eskimos. You _____ now but **refrigerator salesmen** actually _____ Eskimos. The people of Savoonga are Yupiks, and they are closer to **Siberians** than American Eskimos in their appearance, their _____ and their language. And _____ refrigerators. In the winter, food gets **freezer burn** if _____. Now, what I'm going to say may sound funny but it is the truth: Eskimos need refrigerators _____.