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| 1. Read the non-fiction text about polar bears (choose the one which feels most comfortable) |
| 2. Talk to an adult about some of the things you know about polar bears                      |
| 3. Answer the questions below  |

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## Polar Bears



Polar bears live in the Arctic. It is cold and icy. They have black eyes and a black nose. They have thick fur which helps keep them warm.

Polar bears eat seals. Polar bears spend most of their lives at sea.

Baby polar bears are called cubs. A polar bear's home is called a den.



## Questions

1. Where do Polar bears live?
2. Why is fur important to a Polar bear?
3. What is the home of a Polar bear called?
4. Imagine you are a polar bear what might you see when you open your eyes?

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### Polar Bears



Polar bears live in the Arctic. Land in the Arctic is snowy and icy. The temperature falls so low in the winter that the sea freezes. Polar bears have thick fur which helps keep them nice and warm. Under their skin is around 10cm of blubber (fat). They also have claws that act as a grip on the ice.

Polar bears mainly eat seals. They are meat eaters. Polar bears spend most of their lives at sea. They come back to land to have their babies. Baby polar bears are called cubs. A polar bear's home is called a den. When the cubs are born, they stay in their den for five months. Even when they leave the den, they will stay with their mother for up to two years.



### Questions

Where do polar bear live?

1. What helps keep them warm?
2. Why is the thick layer of fat important?
3. What do they eat?
4. What are cubs?
5. What other interesting facts do you know about polar bears?
6. Imagine you are a polar bear: what might you see when you open your eyes?

Reading skill: To retrieve**Polar Bears**

Polar bears live in the Arctic. The Arctic can be found in the top part of the World (North). Land in the Arctic is snowy and icy land. The temperature falls so low in the winter that the sea freezes. They have black eyes and a black nose. They have thick fur which helps keep them nice and warm. They also have a thick layer of fat, called blubber that insulates their bodies.

Polar bears are the largest carnivore (meat eater) that lives on land. They mainly eat seals. These incredible mammals have an incredible sense of smell. They use this great sense to track down their favourite food. They can sniff out prey from up to a mile away. Polar bears use sea ice as a platform to hunt for seals. Polar bears spend most of their lives at sea. They may be large but they are excellent swimmers.



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Polar bears protect themselves from the icy cold swirling winds by making a burrow in the snow. This acts as a shelter until the weather gets a bit better.



### Questions

1. Where do polar bear live?
2. What helps keep them warm?
3. Why is the thick layer of fat important?
4. What do they eat?
5. What is the special name for animals that eat meat?
6. What do we call baby Polar bears?
7. What other interesting facts do you know about polar bears?
8. Imagine you are a polar bear: what might you see when you open your eyes?
9. What might you do during the day as a polar bear?

### **BONUS**

What do you think the word **insulates** mean?

What other facts can you find out about polar bears?