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The Polar Bear

Study this Vocabulary



BEAR: oso
VERY: muy
CALL: llamar
BECAUSE: porque
LIVE: vivir
INSIDE: dentro
NEAR: cerca
POLE: polo
NORTH: norte
SOUTH: sur

SNOW: nieve
ICE: hielo
THERE IS: hay
ONLY: solamente
LAND: tierra
CANNOT: no puede
WELL: bien
COAT: Abrigo
LONG: largo
WEIGH: pesar

STAND UP: pararse
ITS: su, sus
FRONT: delantera
WIDE: ancho
LIKE: como
CATCH: atrapar
SEA: mar
AFRAID: asustado
GOVERNMENT: gobierno
DIE: morir

THERE ARE: hay
HOW MUCH: cuánto
SPRING: primavera
FALL: otoño
POOL: piscina
SOFT DRINK: gaseosa

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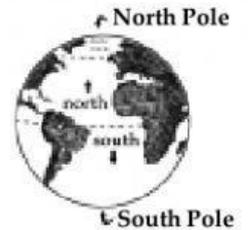


The **polar bear** is a very big white bear. We call it the polar bear because it lives inside the Arctic Circle near the **North** Pole. There are no polar bears at the **South** Pole.

The polar bear lives in the **snow** and **ice**. At the North Pole, there is only snow, ice, and water. There is not any land. People cannot see the polar bear in the snow very well because its coat is yellow-white. It has a very **warm** coat because the weather is cold north of the Arctic Circle.

This bear is three meters long, and it **weighs** 450 kilos (kilograms). It can stand up on its back legs because it has very **wide** feet. It can use its front legs like arms. The polar bear can **swim** very well. It can swim 120 kilometers out into the water. It **catches** fish and sea animals for food. It goes into the sea when it is **afraid**.

Some people want to kill the polar bear for its beautiful white coat. The governments of the United States and Russia say that no one can kill polar bears now. They do not want all of these beautiful animals to die.



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a Vocabulary

Drag the right word in each blank. The sentences are from the text.

polar bear	South	North	warm
wide	catches	afraid	weighs
bear	snow	swim	ice

1. The polar bear lives in the _____ and _____.
2. The _____ is a very big white bear.
3. It goes into the sea when it is _____.
4. It has a very _____ coat because the weather is cold.
5. There are no polar bears at the _____ Pole.
6. The polar bear can _____ very well.
7. It lives inside the Arctic Circle near the _____ Pole.
8. It _____ fish and sea animals for food.
9. This bear is three meters long, and it _____ 450 kilos.
10. It can stand up on its back legs because it has very _____ feet.

b Vocabulary: New Context

Drag the right word in each blank. These are new sentences for words in the text.

swim	afraid	North	south
warm	weigh	ice	wide
snow	coat	bears	catch

1. There are brown and black _____ in North America.
2. How much do you _____? Fifty kilos?
3. Winter is cold. Spring is _____. Fall is cool.
4. Sometimes children are _____ of animals.
5. Do you like to _____ in a swimming pool?
6. Italy is _____ of France.
7. Do you want some _____ in your soft drink?
8. There is _____ all over Canada in the winter.
9. The Sahara Desert is in _____ Africa.
10. Tenth Street is a _____ street.
11. Can you _____ the ball?

C Vocabulary Review

Write C before the words or phrases about camels. Write K before the words or phrases about kiwis.

- _____ 1. stores heat in its body
- _____ 2. hump
- _____ 3. tail
- _____ 4. big eggs
- _____ 5. goes without water
- _____ 6. long, thick hair
- _____ 7. eyelashes
- _____ 8. beak
- _____ 9. desert
- _____ 10. wing
- _____ 11. hair on its body
- _____ 12. feather

d Questions

Complete the answer by writing the correct word (s).

1. Why do we call the big white bear the polar bear?

Because it lives in the _____ Circle near the _____ Pole.

2. Why can't people see the polar bear very well?

Because its coat is _____.

3. Why does it have a warm coat?

Because the weather is _____ north of the Artic _____.

4. How much does it weigh?

It _____ 450 kilos.

5. What does it eat?

It _____ fish and _____ animals.

6. Where does it go when it is afraid?

It _____ into the _____.

7. Why do some people want to kill the polar bear?

For its beautiful _____.

8. What do the governments of Russia and the United States say?

They _____ that no one can _____ polar bears now.

*9. Can a polar bear live near New Zealand?

No, it _____.

*10. Why doesn't a polar bear eat fruit and vegetables?

Because the polar bear is a carnivorous _____.

e Comprehension: Multiple Choice

Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

1. The polar bear lives _____.

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| a. at the South Pole | c. near the North Pole |
| b. in warm countries | d. on land |

2. At the North Pole, there is no _____.

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| a. ice | c. snow |
| b. water | d. land |

3. People cannot see the polar bear in the snow very well because _____.
- a. it has a yellow-white coat
 - b. it goes under the snow
 - c. it can run very fast
 - d. it goes into the water
4. The polar bear _____ for food.
- a. catches land animals
 - b. looks for trees
 - c. catches sea animals and fish
 - d. looks for fruit and vegetables
5. When the polar bear is afraid, it _____.
- a. goes into the sea
 - b. goes under the snow
 - c. runs away
 - d. stands up on its wide feet
6. The governments of Russia and the United States say that _____.
- a. the polar bear is beautiful
 - b. the polar bear has a warm coat
 - c. no one can kill the polar bear
 - d. the polar bear cannot live near the North Pole

f Main Idea

Tick the correct number of the main idea of the text.

1. People like to kill polar bears because they have beautiful coats.
2. Polar bears live north of the Arctic Circle in the snow and ice.
3. Polar bears live north of the Arctic Circle, eat fish and sea animals, and have warm, yellow-white coats.