

ANIMALS

LESSON FOUR: READING

Read the text and do the exercises below!

BELUGA WHALES LIVE IN THE ARCTIC. THE NAME COMES FROM A RUSSIAN WORD THAT MEANS "WHITE," BUT BABY BELUGAS ARE BORN GRAY AND TURN WHITE AFTER EIGHT YEARS. BELUGAS ARE SPECIAL BECAUSE THEY CAN SWIM BACKWARDS AND STAY UNDERWATER FOR 25 MINUTES! SADLY, THEY ARE IN DANGER FROM CLIMATE CHANGE, HUNTING, POLLUTION, AND ENEMIES LIKE POLAR BEARS AND KILLER WHALES. WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM!



1. Write **true (T)** or **false (F)**.

1. The name beluga comes from a russian word _____
2. Baby belugas are born white _____
3. They turn white after 8 years _____
4. They can't swim backwards _____
5. They are in danger _____



2. Read the text again and complete the sentences.

1. The name comes from a _____ word that means "_____".
2. They are born _____ .
3. Belugas are _____ because they can swim _____ .
4. They can stay underwater for _____ minutes.
5. They have enemies like polar _____ and killer _____ .

