

“ENDANGERED ANIMALS”

Reading comprehension worksheet

Name: _____ Grade: _____

I. Read the text and answer the questions.



BELUGA WHALE

Beluga whale are the beautiful white whales of the Arctic. The word ‘beluga’ comes from Russia word ‘bielo’ meaning white, however, these white whales are born dark gray. They can take up to eight years before they turn completely white. The belugas can swim backwards. Their dives may last up to 25 minutes and can reach depth of 880 meters.

They are endangered because of climate change, hunting, oil and gas development and pollution. Besides, polar bears and killer whales may catch belugas for food.

TASK 1: Read the text. Then choose TRUE or FALSE.

1) Beluga whales live in the Arctic.	TRUE	FALSE
2) Belugas are born completely white.	TRUE	FALSE
3) They may dive for about 25 minutes.	TRUE	FALSE
4) Belugas are not endangered because of pollution.	TRUE	FALSE
5) They can live in peace with polar bear.	TRUE	FALSE

TASK 2: Answer the questions.

1. What does the word “bielo” mean?
 - a. ice
 - b. white
2. What are the natural predators of the beluga whale?
 - a. Polar bears and killer whales.
 - b. Blue whale and polar bears.