

Unit 1: Conservation

Test

1) Read the following words and match them with the correct definition

a) Endangered	1) To become smaller or less
b) Threaten	2) III
c) Decrease	3) To prohibit
d) Increase	4) A substance that causes illness, injury or death.
e) Sick	5) (of a species) Seriously at risk of extinction
f) Poison	6) To (make something) become larger in amount or size
g) Ban	7) To be likely to cause harm or damage to something or someone

2) Read the text and choose the correct option. Then, answer the questions

Polar Bear Makes the List

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the USA's Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal, plant or any other kind of wildlife that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears had already been categorized as a "threatened" species which the ESA defines as one that is likely to become "endangered" in the foreseeable future.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered due primarily to global warming. Global warming is a form of climate change caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere.

The polar bear's habitat is more vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is where they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. If they have to swim too far they will drown from exhaustion and hunger.



1) What is the text mainly about?

2) Are polar bears an extinct or an endangered species?

3) Why polar bears are at risk?

4) Where do polar bears live?

5) What is the problem with global warming?

3) Writing Time!

Imagine you are a reporter of the National Geographic. Write an article about an animal that you think needs protection. Write no less than 50 words