


Polar bears

Read the article about polar bears. Don't worry about the blanks:



The polar bear got its name because it spends most of its time in the Arctic. It is also called by other names, for example, white bear or ice bear. It is very cold where polar bears live. The temperature is very often as low as -45°C .

The polar bear is the largest meat-eating animal on land. The male weighs from 350 to 650 kg and he is two and a half to three metres long – almost as long as a car. A polar bear's skin is black but its fur has no colour – it looks white when the sun shines on the ice. It has big feet so it can stand easily on the ice. It is a very good swimmer. When a polar bear gets out of the sea, it shakes water from its fur like a dog or it removes the water by rolling on the ice.

The polar bear likes to live alone. It walks long distances, sometimes 30 km a day, (1) it needs to find food. The bear eats fish (2) it also enjoys seal meat. It goes swimming (3) lies in the sun when it isn't looking for food!

The female bear usually has two babies once every three years. The babies, or cubs, are born in November. Sometimes the cubs die in their first year (4) they have an accident (5) they don't get enough food to eat. If they live, they stay with their mother for nearly two years (6) then they must leave her to go and live alone on the ice.

There are only about 20,000 polar bears alive today. The area where you find them has many problems (7) the ice is becoming thinner or disappearing. Polar bears need your help!

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