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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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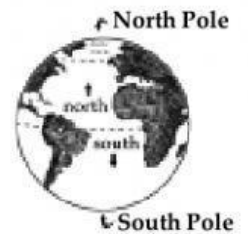


The **polar bear** is a very big white bear. We call it the polar bear because it lives inside the Arctic Circle near the **North** Pole. There are no polar bears at the **South** Pole.

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.