



## POLAR BEARS

Polar bears are large mammals that live in the Arctic. It is very cold there, so polar bears have thick fur and a layer of fat under their skin called blubber to keep them warm. A male polar bear can grow to be 10 feet tall and weigh up to 1,500 pounds!

Polar bears are very good swimmers. They climb up on sea ice to watch hunt for seals, their main food resource.

Polar bears do not live and travel in groups. They live most their lives alone. Polar bears cubs will stay with their mother for about 2 years. After that, they will live on their own.

There are not many animals that hunt polar bears except people. There are many laws to protect polar bears from being hunted because there are only about 2,000 left in the world.

**How do polar bears stay warm?**

**Why are there laws to protect polar bears?**

**How long do polar bears cubs stay with their mom?**

**If you had to swim in very cold water, how would you keep yourself warm?**

**Make an inference. Why do you think no other animals hunt polar bears?**