

Complete the text about polar bears with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.



Polar bears are animals we love to see at zoos. They attract humans with their white (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and black noses. However, we often forget that polar bears are (2) \_\_\_\_\_, which mainly get their food by other animals. Sometimes they even attack humans.

Recent (3) \_\_\_\_\_ show that the aggression polar bears show towards human beings is increasing. One of the reasons may be climate (4) \_\_\_\_\_. As it gets warmer in the Arctic regions, polar bears are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to move from the coastline inland, where they may (6) \_\_\_\_\_ more humans. They are starting to spend more time on land than on Arctic sea ice. Another reason may be that people often come too close to the bears, which see them as a dangerous (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

Polar bears live all across the Arctic region, in Russia, Scandinavia, Alaska and Canada. But their (8) \_\_\_\_\_ are falling quickly. Polar bears do most of their hunting on sea ice. As more and more ice is melting, experts fear that fewer polar bears will be able to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They can go on for a longer time without food, but they do get (10) \_\_\_\_\_ when they cannot find anything to eat.

Another study suggests that polar bears are in danger of becoming (11) \_\_\_\_\_ because of increasing pollution in the Arctic region. Chemicals and other waste may have an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on the body and bones of polar bears.

When polar bears (13) \_\_\_\_\_ humans, it is mostly because they are very hungry, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in need of food. As more and more polar bears and humans are starting to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the same living areas, encounters will probably be more frequent and more people may die from polar bear attacks.

**affect**  
**aggressive**  
**attack**  
**change**  
**desperately**  
**effect**  
**encounter**  
**enemy**  
**extinct**  
**forced**  
**fur**  
**hunters**  
**numbers**  
**protect**  
**share**  
**studies**  
**survive**