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THE CROW

You can find crows almost any place. These birds are very smart. They can even talk! Crows can live in forests. They can live near houses. They can even live in big cities. They eat bugs, berries, fruit, and scraps of food.

Crows have large brains. They hide bits of food and save them for later. They can learn how to crack nuts. They even make tools out of twigs.

Crows talk to each other. They caw and squeak. They can learn human language, too. Some crows can learn to ring a bell when asked. Others can laugh on command. Crows are interesting birds!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think crows can live almost any place?
 - a. They carry big suitcases.
 - b. They can eat many different types of food.
 - c. They like to ride the subway.
 - d. They steal people's beds.
2. Which statement is **true**?

a. Crows can learn to drive a car.	c. Crows can make their own tools.
b. Crows can live on the moon.	d. Crows are not very smart.
3. In this story, the words *on command* mean . . .

a. when asked to do so.	c. when thrown in jail.
b. when forced to do so.	d. when someone says "pretty please."
4. Why would a crow need to make a tool?

a. to fix its car	c. to record itself laughing
b. to repair a sink	d. to get bugs out of the cracks in trees



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THE POLAR BEAR

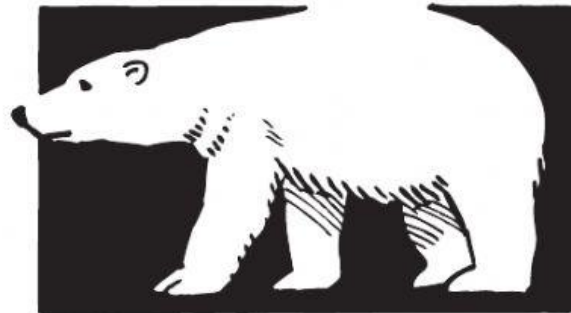
The polar bear makes its home in the cold and icy Arctic. Other animals might freeze or starve. But the polar bear knows how to live in the snow.

Polar bears have thick blubber, or fat, that protects them from the cold. They also have a thick fur coat.

The polar bear's coat is white. This allows it to blend into the snow. That way, the polar bear can sneak up on its prey.

Polar bears swim well. They eat seals, walruses, small whales, and rodents. In the summer, they may eat berries.

Polar bears will also eat people. They may look cute and furry, but be careful of this big bear!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Polar bears are found in . . .
 - a. sunny Florida.
 - b. tropical jungles.
 - c. the freezing Arctic.
 - d. the Pacific Ocean.
2. Polar bears can live in the cold because . . .
 - a. they have fireplaces.
 - b. they have thick fur coats.
 - c. they wear socks.
 - d. they eat blubber for lunch.
3. Which sentence is **true**?
 - a. Polar bears blend into the snow.
 - b. Polar bears are black.
 - c. Polar bears blend into brown rocks.
 - d. Polar bears are white and black.
4. Which of the following do polar bears not eat?
 - a. people
 - b. walruses
 - c. rodents
 - d. salad