8 Question tags with *be*



Language focus

Use **question tags** with **be** to check information or to find out if the person you are speaking to agrees with you about something.

If the verb in the sentence is positive, the verb in the question tag is negative.

*You **'re** from Ankara, **aren't** you?*

If the verb in the sentence is negative, the verb in the question tag is positive.

*The weather **isn't** very nice, **is** it?*

Put a comma before the question tag and use contractions with a negative form of **be**.

*It's cold, **isn't it**?* not ~~*It's cold, is not it?*~~

1 **Complete the questions.**

1 The North Pole ___*is*___ one of the coldest places on Earth, isn't it?
2 Penguins _____ big, aren't they?
3 Female seals _____ bigger than male seals, are they?
4 A sledge _____ for sleeping on, is it?
5 He _____ knitting some mittens, isn't he?
6 Whales _____ mammals, aren't they?

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2 Circle the correct answers.

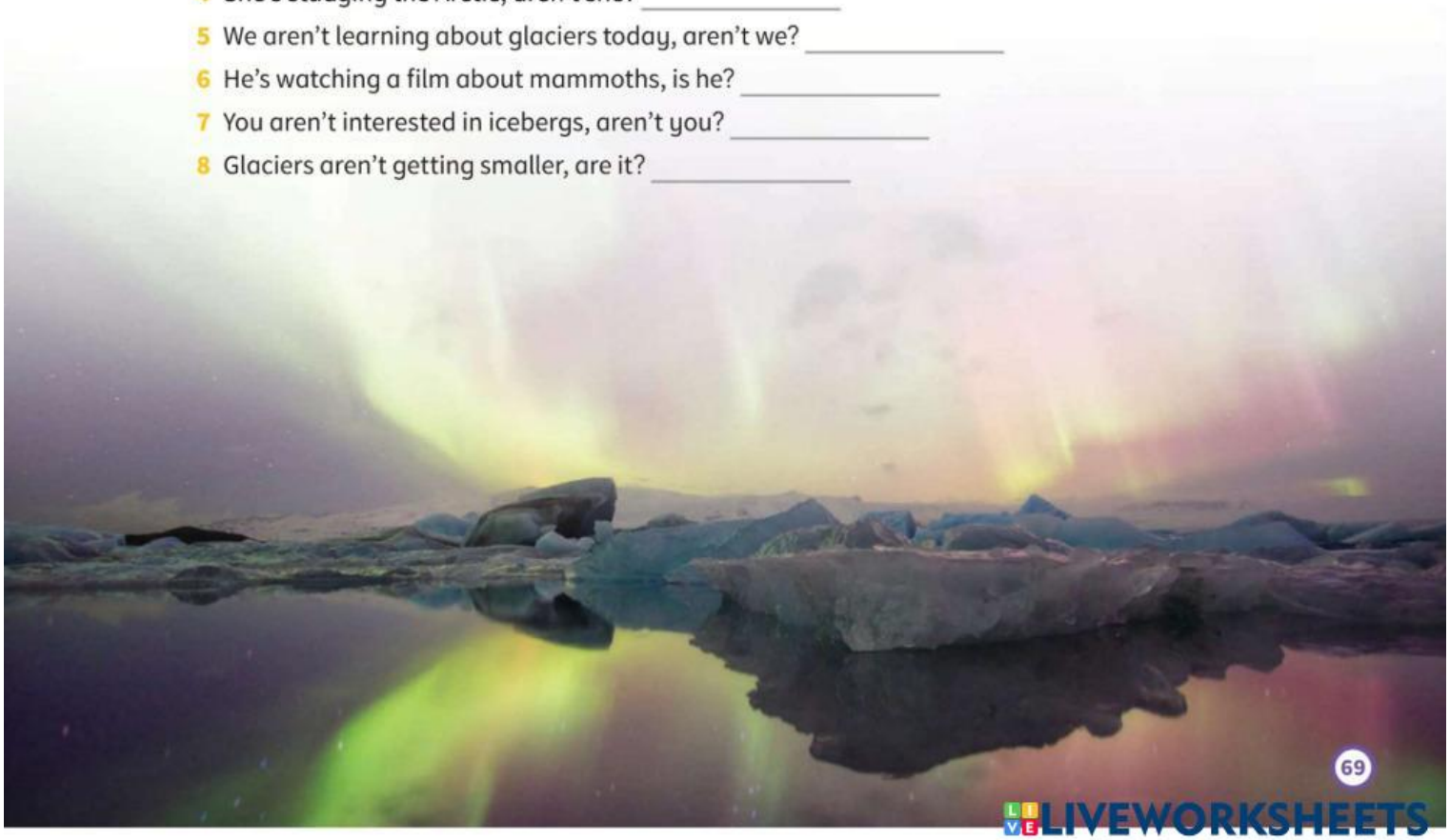
1 Tom's a great swimmer, *is he* / *isn't he*?
2 Burak isn't coming to watch the film about polar bears on Saturday, *isn't he* / *is he* ?
3 You're not reading that book about icebergs, *are you* / *aren't you* ?
4 It's hot today, *isn't it* / *is it* ?
5 You're interested in life in the Arctic, *are you* / *aren't you* ?
6 Your sister is good at Science, *isn't she* / *is she* ?

3 Use question tags to complete the sentences.

1 The Northern Lights are beautiful, aren't they?
2 Polar bears aren't black, _____
3 Igloos are made of ice, _____
4 The North Pole isn't colder than the South Pole, _____
5 You're drawing a picture of a seal, _____
6 Penguins aren't able to fly, _____

4 Correct the question tags.

1 The climate is changing in the Arctic, is it? isn't it?
2 Ice floes are sheets of floating ice, isn't they? _____
3 We're sailing to the North Pole, are we? _____
4 She's studying the Arctic, aren't she? _____
5 We aren't learning about glaciers today, aren't we? _____
6 He's watching a film about mammoths, is he? _____
7 You aren't interested in icebergs, aren't you? _____
8 Glaciers aren't getting smaller, are it? _____



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