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The Polar Bear

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. You cannot see the polar bear in the snow 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. 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.**

People like to kill the polar bear for its beautiful white coat. The governments of Canada, 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

Put the right word in the sentences. The sentences are from the text.

polar	South	North	warm
kilos	catches	land	weighs
wide	sea	afraid	inside
bear	snow	swim	ice

1. The polar bear lives in the _____ and _____.
2. The polar _____ 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 north of the Arctic Circle.
5. There are no polar bears at the _____ Pole.
6. The polar bear can _____ very well.
7. We call it the polar bear because 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)

Put the right word in the blanks. These are new sentences for the same words.

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.

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7. Do you want some _____ in your Coke?
8. There is _____ all over Canada in the winter.
9. The Sahara Desert is in _____ Africa.
10. Tenth Street is a _____ street. A log of cars can go on it at the same time.
11. Can you _____ the ball?

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E Comprehension

1. The polar bear lives _____.
   a. at the South Pole
   b. in warm countries
   c. near the North Pole
   d. on land

2. At the North Pole there is no _____.
   a. ice
   b. water
   c. snow
   d. land

3. You cannot see the polar bear in the snow 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, Canada, and the United States say that _____.
   a. the polar bear is beautiful
   b. it has a warm coat
   c. no one can kill the polar bear
   d. it cannot live near the North Pole

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