

English

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Year 2 Reading Assessment Arctic Animals Answer Booklet

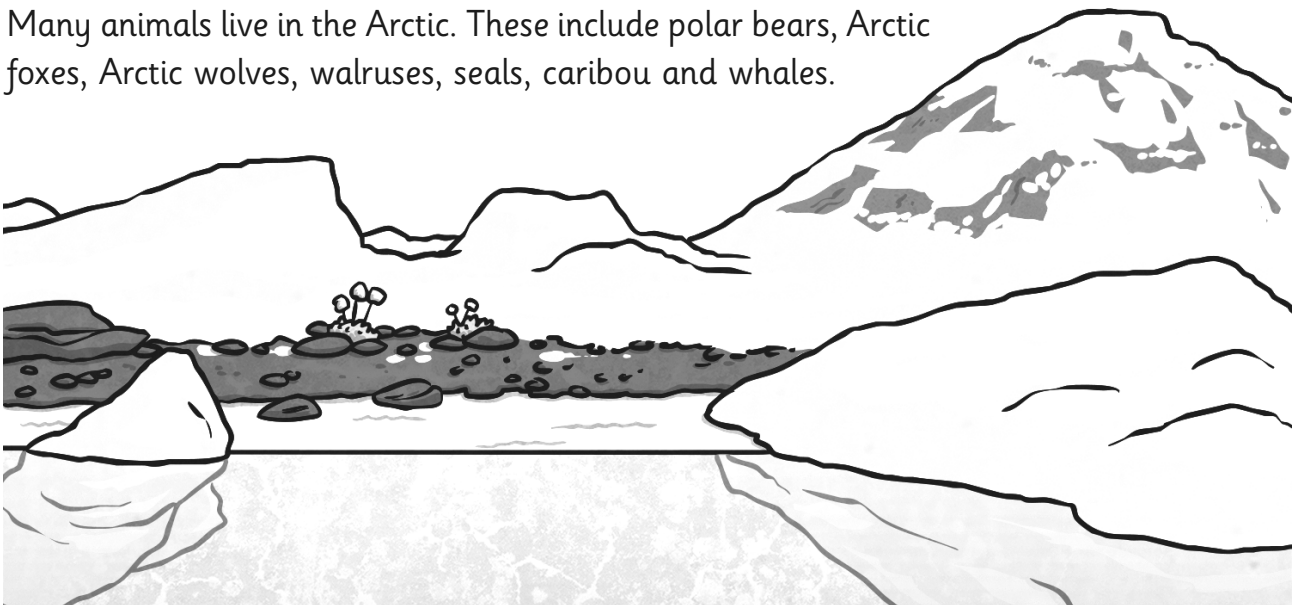
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Questions 1 to 8 are about 'Arctic Animals'

Arctic Animals

The Arctic is an area in the north of our planet. It is a cold place, covered in ice. Temperatures can get as low as -70°C . Although it is cold, it is thought of as a desert, as it doesn't rain or snow very often in the Arctic.

Many animals live in the Arctic. These include polar bears, Arctic foxes, Arctic wolves, walruses, seals, caribou and whales.



1. Where is the Arctic? Tick **one** box.

In the north of our planet.

In the south of the planet.

In the North Pole.

In the desert.

2. Why is the Arctic thought of as a desert? Tick **one** box.

Nothing grows in the Arctic.

It doesn't rain or snow very often in the Arctic.

It's very cold in the Arctic.

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3. Name **two** animals that live in the Arctic.

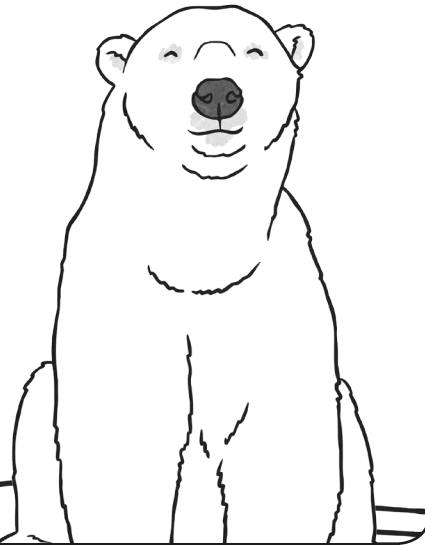
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Polar Bears

Polar bears are carnivores (meat eaters). They have two layers of fur. They have a thick underfur which is covered by another layer of fur called 'guard' hairs. This layer of hair is different lengths. The polar bears' fur helps to keep them warm when they are on land.

Polar bears have black skin. They have a layer of fat underneath it. This layer of fat keeps them warm when they are in the water.

Polar bears sleep for around 7-8 hours each day, but unlike brown bears, polar bears do not hibernate.



4. How many hours each day do polar bears sleep? Tick **one** box.

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5. What does the word carnivore mean?

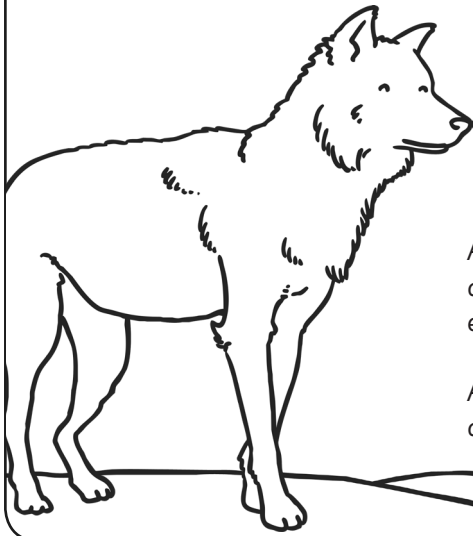
6. How are polar bears different to brown bears?

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Arctic Wolves

Arctic wolves also have two layers of fur. The first layer is waterproof and the second layer is thick to keep the heat in. Their fur acts as camouflage, this is like a disguise. It is a light colour to help the wolf to hide in the snow.

Arctic wolves have 42 very sharp teeth. They are carnivores and will eat Arctic foxes, hares, and seals, but they mostly eat caribou and musk oxen.

Arctic wolves live in packs of 5-7 and can live to between 7 and 10 years old.

7. What does camouflage mean?

8. How many teeth do Arctic wolves have?

End of questions about 'Arctic Animals'

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