

February 27th, International Polar Bear Day

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Read the article aloud multiple times to increase fluency.

Polar bears, majestic creatures of the icy north, symbolize the beauty and fragility of our planet's polar regions. Evolving over thousands of years, these formidable predators are perfectly adapted to survive in the harsh Arctic environment. With a thick layer of blubber and dense fur, they brave the freezing temperatures, roaming vast stretches of sea ice in search of food.

Found predominantly in the Arctic Circle, polar bears inhabit countries like Canada, Alaska, Russia, Greenland, and Norway. Their diet primarily consists of seals, relying on the sea ice as a platform for hunting.

Despite their seemingly indomitable presence, polar bears face a grave threat due to climate change. Melting ice caps diminish their habitat, reducing hunting grounds and challenging their survival. This has led to their classification as a vulnerable species, urging global efforts for conservation and preservation of their delicate ecosystem.



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Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. Where do polar bears primarily live?

2. What is the main food source for polar bears?

3. Why are polar bears considered vulnerable?

4. What are some adaptations that help polar bears survive in the Arctic?

5. What threatens the survival of polar bears?



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Sentence Completion & Naming to Description –

Please write the answer

1. Polar bears have dense fur and a thick layer of blubber to keep _____ in the Arctic.

2. Polar Bears are large, white mammals that live in the _____ and hunt seals on sea ice.

3. Polar bears inhabit regions such as Canada Russia, Greenland, and Norway. They are also found in the coldest U.S. state, known as _____.

4. What animal primarily constitutes the diet of polar bears in the Arctic? _____

5. A major threat to polar bears is _____ change.



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* Word fluency challenge – When you envision the Arctic, what comes to mind? What diverse array of plant life, wildlife, and animals populate this icy expanse? Test your imagination by listing 5-10 elements you would expect to encounter!

You can use an alphabet board or even the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into your search engine.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, Microsoft Bing, or openai.com.



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Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? _____
- What sound does the word start with?
- What are other words that begin with the same sound _____

- What sound does the word end with?
- How many syllables are in the word? _____
- Can you segment the word into its separate sounds?
- What words rhyme with the pictured item?



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Semantic Feature Analysis

<u>What is it used for?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>
<u>Where do you find it?</u>	<u>What does it remind you of?</u>
<u>What does it do?</u>	<u>What category does it fall under?</u>

What is the item? _____



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