

Polar bears are massive. They can be two to three times the size of a North American black bear! A male polar bear is called a boar and can weigh over a thousand pounds and stand up ten feet tall.

Name _____

Polar Bears

Where are they from?

Polar bears live in the Northern Hemisphere. They can be found in Alaska and Canada. They are also in Russia and Scandinavia. Polar bears are both similar and different to other bears.

Ice Bear

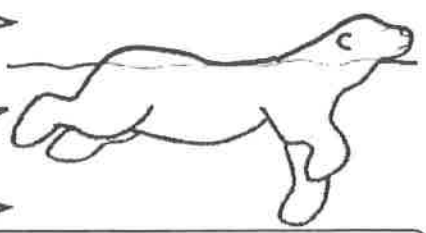
Polar bears appear the same as other bears. Did you know that a polar bear must stay in freezing temperatures? They cannot live in warm weather. They are the only bears with white fur. It keeps them hidden in snow and ice. Underneath their fur, black skin absorbs sunlight. From the skin, fat will soak up the sunlight. This heats the polar bear's body. A polar bear has different feet from other bears. They are made for swimming and walking through snow. They also keep them from slipping on ice.

Brave Bear

Polar bears live a more brave life than other bears. Polar bears are brave enough to swim for miles. They travel from islands to icebergs. They do not hibernate like other bears. Most bears are omnivores. Polar bears are carnivores. They seek meat. A polar bear will hunt large prey like seals and even whales!

Marine Bear

Polar bears are considered marine animals. Scientists categorize them as water creatures. The reason is because polar bears spend most of their lives in and around water. A polar bear can swim one hundred miles. They can hold their breath for two minutes! There are reports of polar bears, with cubs, swimming for over a week!



A myth about polar bears is they can be found in Antarctica. Some have been found near the North Pole and as far south as the Hudson Bay in Canada.

Standards: Reading 2.1 Writing 2.2

Name _____

Directions: In one or two sentences, write what each paragraph is about.

Day 4

Polar Bears



Paragraph
One

Paragraph
Two

Paragraph
Three

Paragraph
Four



Directions: Complete each section.

Day 4

Name _____

Polar Bears

Polar bears are...

How do polar bears keep warm?

Why are polar bears marine animals?

Where do polar bears live?

How large are polar bears?

Interesting Facts

What do polar bears eat?

Polar Bears
Key Ideas and Details

Directions: Cite evidence from the text and answer in complete sentences.

Name _____

^{RI.1}
1. Where do polar bears live?

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2. What is the main idea of the text?

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3. What is the connection or relationship between polar bears and sunlight?

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4. Why are polar bears carnivores?

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5. What kind of animal do scientists say polar bears are? Explain.
