

Directions: Read the story, then answer the questions below.

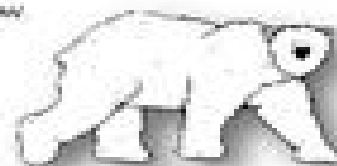
### Polar Bears

Polar bears are beautiful, strong animals that live in areas with cold temperatures. Most polar bears live in the Arctic, where they make homes on the sea ice. This makes them different than most other bears, who make their homes in forests and on mountains.

Polar bears prey mostly on ringed and bearded seals. Polar bears can weigh up to 1,200 pounds. They are considered the largest bears, although brown bears are very close in size and weight.

Female polar bears usually have two cubs at a time. Polar bear cubs live with their mother for about 2.5 years. During this time, they learn how to hunt and survive in the freezing environment.

Polar bears are considered a threatened species. This means scientists are worried about their survival in the wild. The biggest threat to polar bears is global warming. Global warming is causing the ice in the Arctic to melt faster than normal. Many scientists are looking for ways to save these wonderful creatures.



1. Where do polar bears live?

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2. Why do polar cubs stay with their mom for about 2.5 years?

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3. Why are polar bears considered a threatened species?

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4. Write a sentence about polar bears using 3 adjectives of your own.

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Complete the table:

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Interesting fact	