



Arctic Animals

Polar Bear

Polar bears live very far north. They can swim very well. Polar bears can run a lot faster than a human. They are very strong and vicious. There are roughly thirty thousand polar bears left. They live alone so they are hard to count.



Walrus



Walruses are famous for having long tusks. The tusks can grow to 1 metre long. Males use them for fighting. All walruses use their tusks to scrape holes in the ice. These holes mean they have somewhere to breathe.

V: Which word tells you that polar bears might attack you?

Faster Vicious Strong

R: Why do walruses scrape holes in the ice?

S: Why are polar bears hard to count?

Arctic Fox

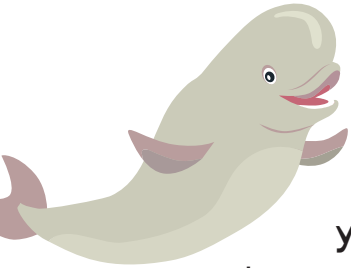
The Arctic fox lives all over the Arctic area. They are as tall as a ruler. They have thick fur. It is not endangered.



V: What does the word “endangered” mean?

Caribou

Caribou are also called reindeer. They live outside of the Arctic area as well. They can run as fast as a car. They are very heavy. Caribou are vulnerable. That means scientists keep a close eye on how many are left.



Beluga Whale

Beluga whales live in the Arctic Ocean. They can live for 50 years. They are the only white whales. They are blue or grey when they are born. They turn white at around 7 years old. Beluga whales shed their skin. They are the only whales to do this.

R: How long can beluga whales live for?

7 years 50 years 10 years

R: What is another name for caribou?

S: What happens when an animal is *vulnerable*?



Arctic Hare

Arctic hares are different to other hares. They have more fat on their body. Their ears and legs are shorter too. They have white fur. There are lots of Arctic hares.

Snowy Owl

Snowy owls live in the Arctic and North America. They are lots of snowy owls in films. They eat rodents. They might also eat other birds. They lay between 3 and 11 eggs at time.



I: Why are so many Arctic animals white?

Answers

V: Vicious

R: To have somewhere to breathe

S: Because they live alone

V: There aren't many left/it is at risk of becoming extinct

R: 50 years

R: Reindeer

S: Scientists keep a close eye on how many are left

I: To make them blend in with the snow/camouflage/to stay hidden