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THE POLAR BEAR

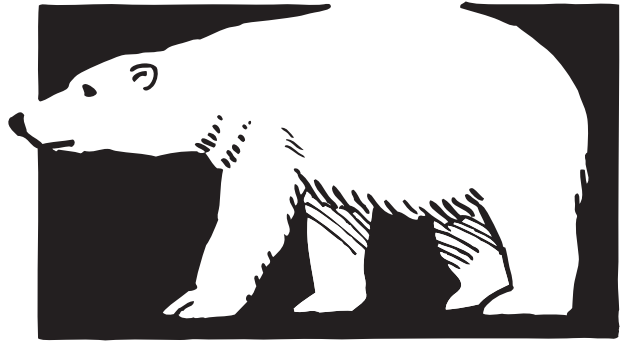
The polar bear makes its home in the cold and icy Arctic. Other animals might freeze or starve. But the polar bear knows how to live in the snow.

Polar bears have thick blubber, or fat, that protects them from the cold. They also have a thick fur coat.

The polar bear's coat is white. This allows it to blend into the snow. That way, the polar bear can sneak up on its prey.

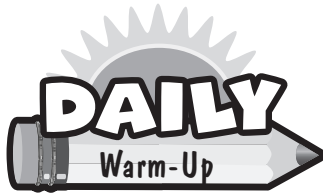
Polar bears swim well. They eat seals, walruses, small whales, and rodents. In the summer, they may eat berries.

Polar bears will also eat people. They may look cute and furry, but be careful of this big bear!



STORY QUESTIONS

- Polar bears are found in . . .
 - sunny Florida.
 - tropical jungles.
 - the freezing Arctic.
 - the Pacific Ocean.
- Polar bears can live in the cold because . . .
 - they have fireplaces.
 - they have thick fur coats.
 - they wear socks.
 - they eat blubber for lunch.
- Which sentence is **true**?
 - Polar bears blend into the snow.
 - Polar bears are black.
 - Polar bears blend into brown rocks.
 - Polar bears are white and black.
- Which of the following do polar bears not eat?
 - people
 - walruses
 - rodents
 - salad



Answer Key

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2. b
3. a
4. d