

# Polar Bears

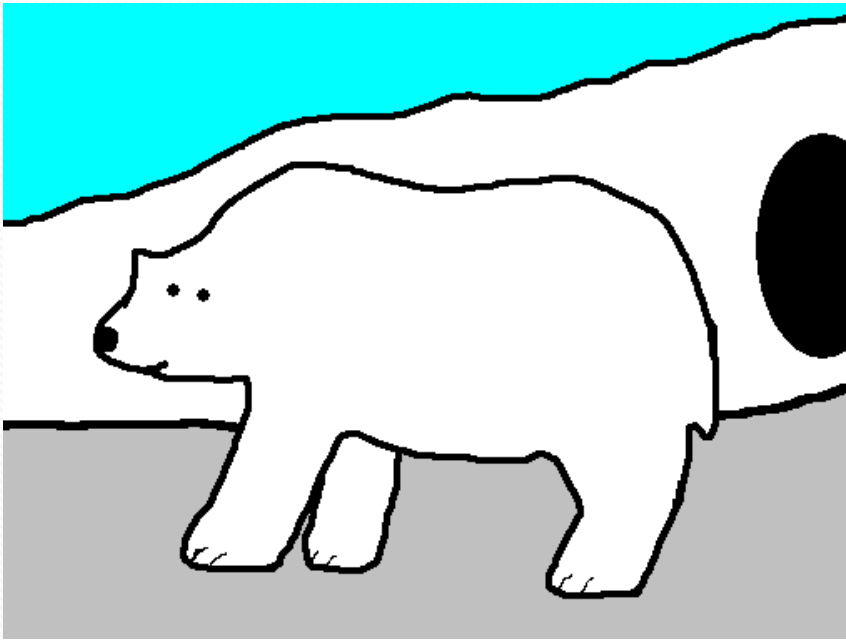
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# Habitat

- Polar bears live in the arctic.
- They live in dens that the mother digs in the snow for her babies.



# Appearance



- Polar bears are mammals.
- The polar bear has white fur.
- The white fur helps the bear hide in the snow.
- Its nose, lips and eyes are black.

# Food

- The polar bear mainly eats seals.
- It also eats fish, birds, bird eggs, and small animals.
- In the summer it may eat berries or seaweed.
- The bear catches its food with its strong claws.



# Young



- Polar bear babies are born in November or January in a den.
- Cubs stay with the mother for a year and a half.
- Usually 2 bears are born.

# Threats

- The human hunter is the main killer of the polar bear.
- Melting ice from global warming means the polar bears will lose their habitat.
- Humans should stop killing the polar bears to save them.



# Interesting Facts



- The polar bear does not slip on the ice because it has a large, leathery footpad, 5 toe pads and 5 sharp claws on each paw.
- The skin of the polar bear is black so it can absorb heat!
- The bear keeps warm because it has a thick layer of blubber. This also helps the bear to float.