

WINTER ANIMALS

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____

Winter Animals L1

Arctic fox

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1) What does the Arctic fox's white fur help it do?

☐ jump in the snow ☐ hide in the snow

☐ stand out in the snow ☐ all of these

2) What color does its fur change to in the summer?

☐ white ☐ blue

☐ orange ☐ brown

3) What are they good at finding?

☐ rocks ☐ balloons

☐ food ☐ sticks

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1) What color are the tips of an Arctic hare's ears?

- ☐ orange ☐ red
☐ grey ☐ black

2) What does its white fur help it to do?

- ☐ stand out ☐ blend in
☐ stay cool ☐ all of these

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Arctic wolf

The Arctic wolf is a smart animal with a furry coat that helps it stay warm in the cold. Wolves work together in groups called packs to find food like caribou, hares, and other animals. They often whine, bark, or howl to talk to each other.

1) What does the Arctic wolf's fur help it to do?

- ☐ stay cool ☐ stay warm
☐ stand out ☐ find plants

2) What is a group of wolves called?

- ☐ a pride ☐ a pod
☐ a pack ☐ a troop

3) How do wolves talk to each other?

- ☐ whine ☐ bark
☐ howl ☐ all of these

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moose

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1) Where do moose live?

- ☐ deserts ☐ savannahs
☐ Arctic forests ☐ coral reefs

2) What do moose use their antlers to do?

- ☐ to look small ☐ to play baseball
☐ to defend themselves ☐ to hang ornaments

3) How do they talk to other moose?

- ☐ by making loud calls ☐ by texting
☐ by whispering ☐ by snoring

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narwhal

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1) What kind of animal is a narwhal?

- ☐ a whale ☐ a unicorn
☐ a fish ☐ an eel

2) What grows out of a narwhal's head?

- ☐ a horn ☐ a tusk
☐ an ice cream cone ☐ a baseball bat

3) What is a group of narwhals called?

- ☐ a pod ☐ a troop
☐ a zeal ☐ a colony

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polar bear

The polar bear is a very big bear with thick, white fur that lives in icy places. It's a good swimmer and can catch fish and seals for its meals. It makes a cozy den in the snow and spend lots of time walking on the ice looking for food.

1) Where do polar bears live?

- ☐ in icy places ☐ in swampy places
☐ in grassy places ☐ in hot places

2) What food does a polar bear eat?

- ☐ cake ☐ bread
☐ cereal ☐ fish

3) What type of home does a polar bear make?

- ☐ a nest ☐ a den
☐ a hive ☐ a web

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puffin



The puffin is a bird with a colorful beak that lives in the Arctic. It can fly really well and dive into the water to catch fish. It has webbed feet and is a great swimmer. It makes its home on tall cliffs and likes to be around other puffins.

1) Why do puffins dive in the water?

2) What do puffins have that help them to swim?

3) Where do puffins make their homes?

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seal



The seal is a cute and chubby animal that swims in the cold Arctic water. It has smooth skin and big eyes, and it loves to eat fish. Seals can rest on the ice, and sometimes they make special holes to breathe through in the icy water.

1) What kind of skin does a seal have?

2) What do seals love to do?

3) Why do they make special holes in the ice?

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walrus



The walrus is a big animal with tusks and a thick coat that lives near cold water. It likes to relax on the ice and rocks. The walrus uses its tusks for different things, like getting out of the water and finding food like clams in the sea.

1) Where do walruses like to relax?

2) What do they use their tusks for?

3) What is a food that walruses eat?

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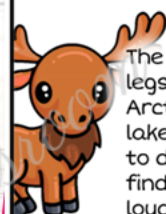
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snowy owl

The snowy owl is a bird with white feathers that lives in the Arctic. It's good at flying and hunting for small animals like mice and rabbits. In the winter, it stays warm with its thick feathers and makes its home in a nest on the ground.

1) What do snowy owls eat?

- ☐ bread ☐ shrimp
☐ mice ☐ ice cream

2) How do snowy owls stay warm?

- ☐ blankets ☐ thick feathers
☐ heaters ☐ gloves

3) Where do they make their nests?

- ☐ on the ground ☐ in the water
☐ in caves ☐ in trees

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