



Polar bear true / false quiz



Questions

- 1 Although they look white, polar bears actually have black skin under their fur.
- 2 Polar bears' paws can be as big as a dinner plate.
- 3 Polar bears live in the Antarctic.
- 4 The heaviest polar bear can weigh as much as a small car.
- 5 Polar bears can't swim.
- 6 Climate change is the biggest threat to polar bears.
- 7 Polar bears' favourite food is seaweed.
- 8 Polar bear cubs depend on their mother until they are about 2 and a half years old.
- 9 At birth, polar bear cubs weigh four times as much as the average human baby.
- 10 Polar bears can move as fast as a horse over a short distance.

Answers

- 1 **True.** Their black skin is good for absorbing the warmth of the sun's rays. Their fur is actually colourless but takes on the colours of surrounding reflected light.
- 2 **True.** They can measure up to 30cm in diameter.
- 3 **False.** They live in the Arctic.
- 4 **True.** They can weigh up to 650kg.
- 5 **False.** Polar bears are excellent swimmers. Their latin name, *Ursus maritimus*, means 'sea bear' because they spend so much time in or around the water.
- 6 **True.** Climate change is the biggest threat to the polar bear, as it's reducing the Arctic sea ice that many polar bears need in order to hunt for food and raise their young.
- 7 **False.** Polar bears mainly eat seals.
- 8 **True.**
- 9 **False.** They actually weigh about four times less than the average human baby at birth.
- 10 **True.**

