



Activity sheet - Polar regions

The polar bear patrol



WWF's polar bear patrol has a very important job to do in the Arctic, looking after both local people and polar bears.

1 Where is Vankarem?

2 What is climate change?

3 Why have the number of bears in Vankarem increased in recent years?

4 How many polar bears were there in Vankarem in 2006?

5 What's the local name for the polar bear patrol?

6 Name three ways in which the polar bear patrol helps to protect people and bears.

7 We can all help to stop climate change by changing the way we live a little bit. We can do this by saving energy wherever we can. For example, we can walk to school instead of getting in the car, and turn off the light when we leave a room. Can you think of three other ways of saving energy in your daily life?



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Draw a picture for each part of the story



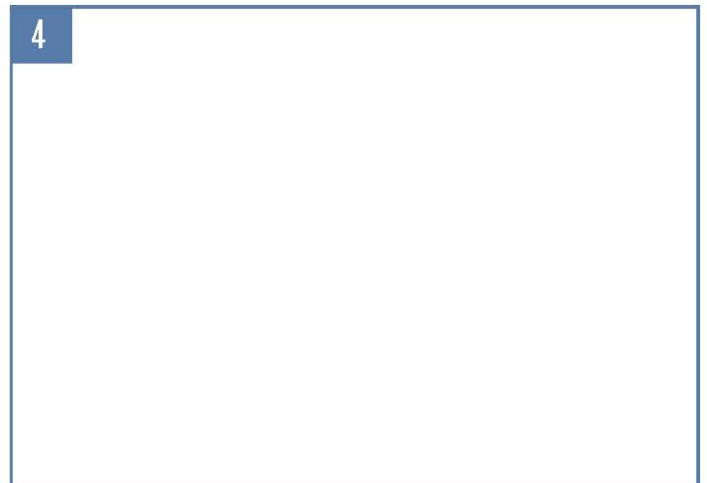
There's a small village in the Arctic called Vankarem.



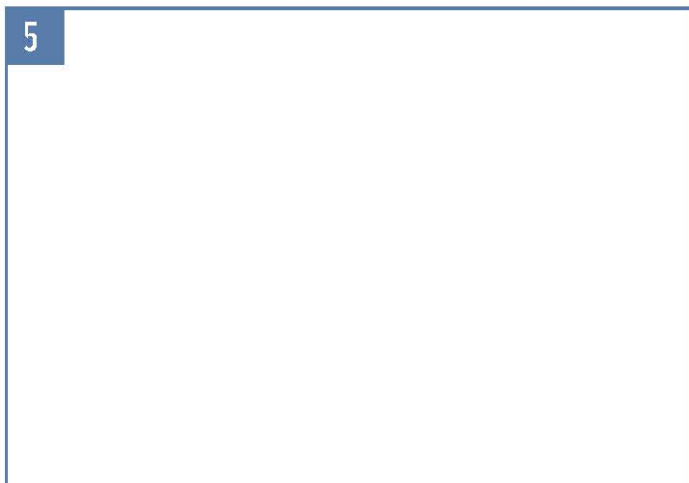
Lately, the local people have noticed that there are more polar bears around than usual.



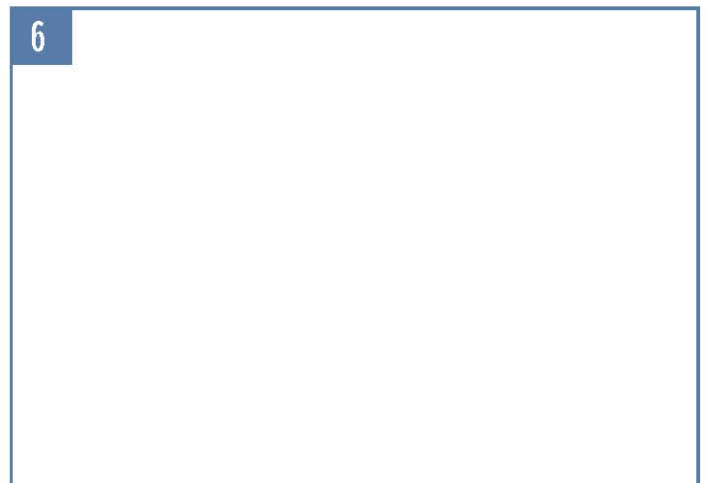
Because of climate change, the ice forms later in the year, and most bears can't go out to hunt without it.



Because there's no ice, the bears get stuck around Vankarem. Sometimes, there are as many bears as people.



WWF set up the polar bear patrol with locals to help protect people and bears.



Thanks to the work of the patrol, the bears and the locals can live safely as neighbours.