My Polar Bear Fact File

Read the polar bear fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a polar bear

Polar Bear facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. sea ice ____	A. a thick layer of fat under the skin of seals and whales
2. blubber ____	B. a cave a mother polar bear digs in the snow to give birth
3. maternity den ____	C. a mammal that depends on the ocean for its food or home
4. marine mammal ____	D. frozen ocean water that floats on top of the sea
5. subpopulation ____	E. a separate group of polar bears living in one part of the Arctic

The most amazing thing I learned about polar bears

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Answer Key

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Polar Bear facts

Scientific name:	Ursus maritimus
Size:	About 6–9 ft (1.8–2.7 m) long
Weight:	Males about 775–1,300 lb
Lifespan:	About 15–18 years in the wild
Diet:	Mainly ringed and bearded seals
Habitat:	Arctic sea ice and coasts
Where:	Canada, US, Greenland, Norway, Russia
Status:	IUCN Vulnerable

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–A, 3–B, 4–C, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- A polar bear has black skin under its see-through fur.
- A polar bear can eat over 100 pounds (45 kg) of blubber at once.
- A newborn cub weighs only about 1 pound (0.5 kg).