

## Quick Check

## Plight of the Polar Bears

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following releases **pollutants** into the atmosphere?
  - Ⓐ burning gasoline
  - Ⓑ hunting seals
  - Ⓒ melting polar ice
  - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Global warming is causing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ more seals to be born
  - Ⓑ more bears to survive
  - Ⓒ polar ice caps to melt
  - Ⓓ a cleaner environment
3. Why are people a polar bear's biggest enemy?
  - Ⓐ People are raising the bears.
  - Ⓑ People are refusing to feed the bears.
  - Ⓒ People are trapping many bears to give to zoos.
  - Ⓓ People are changing the bears' environment.
4. A polar bear's fur is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ transparent
  - Ⓑ waterproof
  - Ⓒ warm
  - Ⓓ all of the above
5. What is the main idea of the section "Built to Survive"?
  - Ⓐ A polar bear has two layers of fur to keep it warm.
  - Ⓑ A polar bear has fur on the bottoms of its paws.
  - Ⓒ A polar bear's fur looks white but is really clear.
  - Ⓓ A polar bear's body is suited to life in the Arctic.
6. How is summertime in the tundra different from wintertime?
  - Ⓐ The temperatures rise in the summertime.
  - Ⓑ Insects and birds are plentiful in the summertime.
  - Ⓒ The sun shines most of the time in the summertime.
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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7. Scientists studying global warming are probably \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ pleased to see the changes taking place
  - Ⓑ looking for ways to increase global warming
  - Ⓒ concerned about the animals and the environment
  - Ⓓ disappointed that people are taking an interest in the subject
8. What characteristic makes it easier for polar bears to hunt in the winter?
  - Ⓐ Their fur blends into the landscape.
  - Ⓑ Their large stomachs store what they eat during winter.
  - Ⓒ There are more seals around in the winter.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. If something is **toxic**, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ good for the environment
  - Ⓑ dangerous to life
  - Ⓒ always changing
  - Ⓓ full of life
10. What else, besides melting ice caps, is creating a negative effect on polar bears?
  - Ⓐ an increasing number of seals
  - Ⓑ the drilling for oil in the Arctic
  - Ⓒ the falling temperatures
  - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** What are two things that you could do to help keep polar bears from becoming extinct?
12. **Extended Response:** This book is titled *Plight of the Polar Bear*. Explain what the plight of the polar bear is.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓐ Vocabulary
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
7. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary. Example:  
*I could teach my family and friends about how global warming is causing problems for polar bears, and I could ride my bike to my friends' houses instead of asking my mom or dad to drive me.*
12. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following idea: *the numbers of polar bears are decreasing because of melting ice caps in the Arctic caused by global warming.*