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Level 0 – 14th January, 2019

Dozens of polar bears invade Russian town

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-0.html>

Polar bears in a town in Russia are scaring people. Over 52 bears walk around the town. This is serious. The bears chase people into their homes. Parents are afraid to let their children go to school. There have never been this many polar bears. The town said there is a "polar bear emergency".

The bears are looking for food. The sea ice is melting because of climate change. The bears can smell food outside homes. The town wants to kill the bears. Russia's environmental agency said no. Polar bears are in danger. The World Wildlife Fund says this is because of the loss of the bears' sea ice habitat.

Sources: <https://weather.com/news/news/2019-02-11-russian-archipelago-invaded-polar-bears-emergency>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/02/11/asia/polar-bears-russia-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. bears in a | a. go to school |
| 2. bears walk around | b. there is |
| 3. The bears chase people | c. the town |
| 4. Parents are | d. this many |
| 5. let their children | e. emergency |
| 6. There have never been | f. into their homes |
| 7. The town said | g. afraid to |
| 8. a polar bear | h. town in Russia |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The sea ice | a. said no |
| 2. The bears can smell | b. ice |
| 3. The town wants to | c. danger |
| 4. Russia's environmental agency | d. food |
| 5. Polar bears are in | e. of the loss |
| 6. The World Wildlife | f. kill the bears |
| 7. this is because | g. is melting |
| 8. sea | h. Fund |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Polar bears in (1) _____ Russia are scaring people. Over 52 bears (2) _____ town. This is serious. The bears (3) _____ their homes. Parents are afraid to let their children (4) _____. There have never (5) _____ polar bears. The town said there is a "(6) _____".

The bears (7) _____ food. The sea ice is melting (8) _____ change. The bears can (9) _____ homes. The town wants (10) _____ bears. Russia's environmental agency said no. Polar bears (11) _____. The World Wildlife Fund says this is because of the (12) _____ bears' sea ice habitat.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POLAR BEARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about polar bears in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

