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Level 5

Video of starving polar bear goes viral

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A video of a starving polar bear collapsing in Canada's wilderness has gone viral on the Internet. The bear is in search of food. It looks in rusty waste containers as it wanders across land with no snow. The bear is nothing but skin and bones. It is too weak to support its own body weight and has difficulty standing. A photographer stated that the polar bear's condition was a clear sign of the terrible impact of climate change. He said filming the animal was heart-wrenching. His team were, "pushing through their tears and emotions while documenting this dying polar bear".

The photographer's team was in Canada to shoot a documentary on conservation. The bear they filmed was not old. It probably died within hours. He said: "This is what starvation looks like....It's a slow, painful death." He blamed the bear's sad condition on global warming. He said: "As temperatures rise and sea ice melts, polar bears lose access to the main staple of their diets - seals." Climate change is the biggest threat to the world's 26,000 polar bears. Bears are starving, and running out of energy. They have to go into areas where humans live to look for food.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. gone viral | a. climate change |
| 2. it wanders across land | b. and bones |
| 3. The bear is nothing but skin | c. and emotions |
| 4. It is too weak to support its | d. on the Internet |
| 5. a clear | e. heart-wrenching |
| 6. the terrible impact of | f. with no snow |
| 7. filming the animal was | g. sign |
| 8. their tears | h. own body weight |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. shoot a documentary | a. like |
| 2. It probably died | b. seals |
| 3. This is what starvation looks | c. humans live |
| 4. As temperatures rise and sea | d. within hours |
| 5. the main staple of their diets - | e. ice melts |
| 6. the biggest threat to the world's | f. for food |
| 7. go into areas where | g. on conservation |
| 8. look | h. 26,000 polar bears |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A video of a starving polar bear collapsing in Canada's wilderness (1) _____ on the Internet. The bear is in search of food. It looks in rusty waste containers (2) _____ across land with no snow. The bear is nothing but (3) _____. It is too weak to support its own body weight and has difficulty standing. A photographer stated that the polar bear's condition was a (4) _____ the terrible impact of climate change. He said filming the animal was heart-wrenching. His team were, "pushing through (5) _____ emotions while documenting (6) _____ bear".

The photographer's team was in Canada (7) _____ documentary on conservation. The bear they filmed was not old. It probably (8) _____. He said: "This is what starvation looks like....It's a slow, painful death." (9) _____ bear's sad condition on global warming. He said: "As temperatures (10) _____ ice melts, polar bears (11) _____ the main staple of their diets - seals." Climate change is the biggest threat to the world's 26,000 polar bears. Bears are starving, and running (12) _____. They have to go into areas where humans live to look for food.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POLAR BEARS SURVEY

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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) _____

