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**Level 1** – 14th January, 2019

## Dozens of polar bears invade Russian town

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-1.html>

Polar bears on a Russian island in the Arctic Ocean are scaring people. At least 52 bears walk around a town. The situation is serious. Bears have chased people into their homes. The town called a "polar bear emergency". It said: "The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes....Parents are afraid to let their children go to school." One person said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears."

The bears are looking for food because the sea ice is melting. Climate change is one reason for this. The bears can smell food in bins outside homes. The town wants to kill the animals to reduce the danger, but Russia's environmental agency said no. Polar bears are a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger. This is because of the "loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change".

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>  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/02/11/mass-invasion-polar-bears-is-terrorizing-an-island-town-climate-change-is-blame/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a Russian island in      | a. go to school     |
| 2. Bears have chased people | b. to leave homes   |
| 3. The town called a polar  | c. many polar bears |
| 4. They are frightened      | d. into their homes |
| 5. Parents are              | e. since 1983       |
| 6. let their children       | f. bear emergency   |
| 7. I have been here         | g. afraid to        |
| 8. there have never been so | h. the Arctic Ocean |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the sea ice is                | a. sea ice habitat   |
| 2. The bears can smell           | b. said no           |
| 3. kill the animals to           | c. food              |
| 4. Russia's environmental agency | d. change            |
| 5. Polar bears are a vulnerable  | e. danger            |
| 6. they are in                   | f. melting           |
| 7. because of the loss of their  | g. species           |
| 8. climate                       | h. reduce the danger |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-1.html>

Polar (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Russian island in the Arctic Ocean are scaring people. At least 52 bears (2) \_\_\_\_\_ town. The situation is serious. Bears (3) \_\_\_\_\_ into their homes. The town called a "polar bear emergency". It said: "The (4) \_\_\_\_\_. They are frightened to leave homes....Parents are afraid to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ go to school." One person said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have (6) \_\_\_\_\_ many polar bears."

The bears are looking (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea ice is melting. Climate change is one (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The bears can smell (9) \_\_\_\_\_ outside homes. The town wants to kill the animals to (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but Russia's environmental (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Polar bears are a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger. This is because of the "loss of their (12) \_\_\_\_\_ resulting from climate change".

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190214-polar-bear-invasion-1.html>

Write about **polar bears** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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