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**Level 3 – 14th January, 2019**

## **Dozens of polar bears invade Russian town**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

Polar bears on an island in Russia are scaring people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen wandering around the town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in the Arctic Ocean. The situation has become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes and offices. Local officials have declared a "polar bear emergency". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes and their daily routines are broken. Parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears in the vicinity."

Officials say the polar bears are roaming into towns looking for food. They say that climate change is one reason for this. More sea ice is melting, which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They are attracted by the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the danger to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to keep the polar bears away from the people of Belushya Guba.

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/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. POLAR BEARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about polar bears. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

polar bear / island / town / Arctic Ocean / situation / emergency / frightened / vicinity  
food / reason / smell / permission / environmental / vulnerable / habitat / climate

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. LIVING TOGETHER:** Students A **strongly** believe wild animals and humans can live together; Students B **strongly** believe they can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ANIMALS:** What problems would lots of these animals cause in a town? How would you deal with the problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	How to deal with them
Polar bears		
Elephants		
Snakes		
Rats		
Rabbits		
Killer bees		

**5. ISLAND:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "island". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SCARY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the scariest animals top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- lion
- snake
- rat
- tarantula
- shark
- cockroach
- vampire bat
- wolf

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. at least  | a. The area near or surrounding a particular place.              |
| 2. wandering | b. Not less than.  |
| 3. serious   | c. Frightened; afraid.   |
| 4. declared  | d. Walking or moving in a leisurely, casual way.                 |
| 5. scared    | e. Openly or formally announced.                                 |
| 6. routine   | f. Worrying because of possible danger or risk.                  |
| 7. vicinity  | g. A set of daily or weekly actions that are regularly followed. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. melting     | h. Make or become liquid by warmth or heat.   |
| 9. attracted   | i. The natural home or environment of an animal or plant.   |
| 10. bin        | j. Caused to come to a place or take part in an activity by offering something interesting or nice. |
| 11. permission | k. Likely to meet physical attack or harm.  |
| 12. refused    | l. Something used to put rubbish / trash / garbage / waste in.                                      |
| 13. vulnerable | m. Telling someone they can do something.   |
| 14. habitat    | n. Said you will not do something.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. No fewer than 52 bears were spotted in a Russian town. **T / F**
- b. The town is on an island in the Arctic Ocean. **T / F**
- c. The town has called a "polar bear emergency". **T / F**
- d. A local said he hadn't since so many bears since 1963. **T / F**
- e. The bears are going into the town looking for warmth. **T / F**
- f. Food in bins is attracting the bears into the town. **T / F**
- g. Polar bears are not yet classed as a vulnerable species. **T / F**
- h. The World Wildlife Fund did not blame climate change for this situation. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>scaring</b>    | a. searching    |
| 2. <b>wandering</b>  | b. habits       |
| 3. <b>serious</b>    | c. neighborhood |
| 4. <b>routines</b>   | d. lower        |
| 5. <b>vicinity</b>   | e. bad          |
| 6. <b>looking</b>    | f. following    |
| 7. <b>attracted</b>  | g. frightening  |
| 8. <b>reduce</b>     | h. classified   |
| 9. <b>classed</b>    | i. lured        |
| 10. <b>resulting</b> | j. walking      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Polar bears on an island in Russia | a. routines                |
| 2. At least 52 polar bears have       | b. as a vulnerable species |
| 3. the bears have chased people       | c. many polar bears        |
| 4. daily                              | d. is melting              |
| 5. there have never been so           | e. been seen               |
| 6. roaming into towns looking         | f. to kill the animals     |
| 7. More sea ice                       | g. and entered homes       |
| 8. asked for permission               | h. are scaring people      |
| 9. Polar bears are classed            | i. ice                     |
| 10. sea                               | j. for food                |

# GAP FILL

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

Polar bears on an island in Russia are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen wandering (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in the Arctic Ocean. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ has become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes and (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Local officials have declared a "polar bear (5) \_\_\_\_\_". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people are scared. They are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave homes and their daily (7) \_\_\_\_\_ are broken. Parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*around*  
*frightened*  
*vicinity*  
*situation*  
*emergency*  
*scaring*  
*routines*  
*offices*

Officials say the polar bears are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ into towns looking for food. They say that climate change is one (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for this. More sea ice is (11) \_\_\_\_\_, which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "ongoing and potential (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to keep the polar bears (16) \_\_\_\_\_ from the people of Belushya Guba.

*melting*  
*vulnerable*  
*roaming*  
*away*  
*reason*  
*loss*  
*danger*  
*attracted*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Polar bears on an island in Russia are scaring people \_\_\_\_\_ town
  - a. inner small
  - b. inners mall
  - c. in a small
  - d. inners small
- 2) At least 52 polar bears have been seen \_\_\_\_\_ around
  - a. wander in
  - b. wondering
  - c. wonder in
  - d. wandering
- 3) the bears have chased people and entered homes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and doff ice is
  - b. and offices
  - c. an doff ices
  - d. and office is
- 4) The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes and their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. daily route teens
  - b. daily route tins
  - c. daily roo teens
  - d. daily routines
- 5) there have never been so many polar bears \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a vicinity
  - b. in the vacant sea
  - c. in the vice in a tea
  - d. in the vacancy
- 6) Officials say the polar bears are \_\_\_\_\_ towns
  - a. roam in into
  - b. roaming to
  - c. roaming into
  - d. roam in to
- 7) They say that climate change is one \_\_\_\_\_ this
  - a. reasons for
  - b. reason four
  - c. reason for
  - d. reason fore
- 8) They are attracted by the smell of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. foodie in pins
  - b. food in bin
  - c. food in pins
  - d. food in bins
- 9) Polar bears are classed as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. vulnerable specifies
  - b. vulnerable specials
  - c. vulnerable specifics
  - d. vulnerable species
- 10) in danger because of the "ongoing and potential loss of their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sea ice habitation
  - b. sea ice habitats
  - c. sea ice inhabitat
  - d. sea ice habitat

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Polar bears (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia are scaring people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen (2) \_\_\_\_\_ town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in the Arctic Ocean. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes and offices. Local officials (4) \_\_\_\_\_ "polar bear emergency". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes and their (5) \_\_\_\_\_ broken. Parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Officials say the polar bears (7) \_\_\_\_\_ towns looking for food. They say that climate change (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for this. More sea ice is melting, which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They are attracted by the smell of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "ongoing (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the polar bears away from the people of Belushya Guba.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How many bears have been seen in the town?
2. In which body of water is the island in this news story?
3. What buildings did the bears go into?
4. What did a local official say the bears had broken?
5. Where are parents afraid to let their children go?
6. What are the bears looking for?
7. What did the article say was melting?
8. Where was the food that the polar bears could smell?
9. What are polar bears classed as?
10. What is the World Wildlife Fund helping people in the town with?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How many bears have been seen in the town?
  - a) exactly 52
  - b) at least 52
  - c) more than 52
  - d) around 52
- 2) In which body of water is the island in this news story?
  - a) the Black Sea
  - b) the Baltic Sea
  - c) the Caribbean Sea
  - d) Arctic Ocean
- 3) What buildings did the bears go into?
  - a) pet shops and garages
  - b) kitchens and restaurants
  - c) homes and offices
  - d) fish shops and saunas
- 4) What did a local official say the bears had broken?
  - a) daily routines
  - b) windows
  - c) bones
  - d) hearts
- 5) Where are parents afraid to let their children go?
  - a) fishing
  - b) kindergarten
  - c) on a boat
  - d) on vacation
- 6) What are the bears looking for?
  - a) food
  - b) shelter
  - c) love
  - d) a partner
- 7) What did the article say was melting?
  - a) ice cream
  - b) hearts
  - c) sea ice
  - d) glaciers
- 8) Where was the food that the polar bears could smell?
  - a) in bins
  - b) on kitchen tables
  - c) in a warehouse
  - d) in a takeaway restaurant
- 9) What are polar bears classed as?
  - a) A+
  - b) protected
  - c) dangerous
  - d) vulnerable species
- 10) What is the World Wildlife Fund helping people in the town with?
  - a) defending their home
  - b) creating ice
  - c) keep the bears away
  - d) conservation

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Lion**

You think a lion is the scariest animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't scary. Also, tell the others which is the cutest of these (and why): tarantula, snake or cockroach.

## **Role B – Tarantula**

You think a tarantula is the scariest animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't scary. Also, tell the others which is the cutest of these (and why): lion, snake or cockroach.

## **Role C – Snake**

You think a snake is the scariest animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't scary. Also, tell the others which is the cutest of these (and why): tarantula, lion or cockroach.

## **Role D – Cockroach**

You think a cockroach is the scariest animal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't scary. Also, tell the others which is the cutest of these (and why): tarantula, snake or lion.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'polar' and 'bear'.

polar	bear

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• scaring</li><li>• 52</li><li>• serious</li><li>• chased</li><li>• daily</li><li>• never</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reason</li><li>• areas</li><li>• bins</li><li>• reduce</li><li>• loss</li><li>• away</li></ul>
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# POLAR BEARS SURVEY

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

# **POLAR BEARS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'polar'?
3. What do you know about polar bears?
4. What would you do if a polar bear was in your house?
5. What should the people in the town do?
6. What would living on an Arctic Ocean island be like?
7. What happens in a polar bear emergency?
8. How can schools protect themselves against polar bears?
9. How dangerous are polar bears?
10. How can animals and humans live together?

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# **POLAR BEARS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'bear'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of polar bears?
15. Should people not leave food in bins?
16. How is climate change causing this?
17. What is causing climate change?
18. How important is the World Wildlife Fund?
19. How can we help polar bears?
20. What questions would you like to ask people in the town?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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Officials say the polar bears are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ into towns looking for food. They say that climate change is one reason for this. More sea ice is (8) \_\_\_\_\_, which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They are attracted (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the danger to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "ongoing and potential (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to keep the polar bears (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from the people of Belushya Guba.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |                |               |               |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) scare    | (b) scared     | (c) scary     | (d) scaring   |
| 2.  | (a) winding  | (b) wending    | (c) wondering | (d) wandering |
| 3.  | (a) scenario | (b) situation  | (c) scenic    | (d) clearance |
| 4.  | (a) holes    | (b) constructs | (c) offices   | (d) builds    |
| 5.  | (a) routines | (b) habitual   | (c) frequent  | (d) often     |
| 6.  | (a) but      | (b) however    | (c) even      | (d) so        |
| 7.  | (a) roamed   | (b) roams      | (c) roam      | (d) roaming   |
| 8.  | (a) melting  | (b) exercising | (c) flying    | (d) shooting  |
| 9.  | (a) of       | (b) by         | (c) at        | (d) on        |
| 10. | (a) less     | (b) down       | (c) reduce    | (d) slow      |
| 11. | (a) lost     | (b) lose       | (c) loss      | (d) loser     |
| 12. | (a) over     | (b) away       | (c) around    | (d) about     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. gardnewni around the town
2. The oitstiuna has become serious
3. declared a polar bear eenrgmeyc
4. their daily ounritse
5. Parents are fiarad
6. many polar bears in the tiyinvci

## Paragraph 2

7. bears are rmngoia into towns
8. Imacite change is one reason
9. They are attaredct by the smell of food
10. asked for psmsiinoer
11. classed as a Invebluare species
12. loss of their sea ice atthaib

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) around the town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in
- ( ) are scared. They are frightened to leave homes and their daily routines are broken. Parents are afraid to
- ( ) to find food. They are attracted by the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have
- ( ) Officials say the polar bears are roaming into towns looking for food. They say that climate change is one
- ( ) since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears in the vicinity."
- ( ) habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to keep the polar bears away from the people of Belushya Guba.
- ( ) let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here]
- ( ) reason for this. More sea ice is melting, which means the bears are moving into new areas
- ( ) asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the danger to humans. However, Russia's environmental
- ( ) the Arctic Ocean. The situation has become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes
- ( **1** ) Polar bears on an island in Russia are scaring people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen wandering
- ( ) says they are in danger because of the "ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice
- ( ) and offices. Local officials have declared a "polar bear emergency". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people
- ( ) agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. bears Polar on scaring an island people . are
2. seen have Polar bears wandering town . around been
3. emergency . bear officials declared Local polar have a
4. are afraid their to let children Parents go .
5. many never polar so There bears . have been
6. for food . Bears towns into looking roaming are
7. say one reason . climate that is They change
8. attracted are the They of smell food . by
9. bears Polar vulnerable as species . classed a are
10. the from bears away the polar people . Keep

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Polar bears on an island *in / on* Russia are scaring people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen *wondering / wandering* around the town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in the Arctic Ocean. The *situation / situated* has become serious because the bears have *chasing / chased* people and entered homes and offices. Local *officials / sensors* have declared a "polar bear emergency". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people are *scary / scared*. They are frightened to leave homes and their *day / daily* routines are broken. Parents are *afraid / fear* to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here] *since / in* 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears in the *vacation / vicinity*."

Officials say the polar bears are *looming / roaming* into towns looking for food. They say that climate change is *once / one* reason for this. More sea ice is melting, which *meaning / means* the bears are moving into new *area / areas* to find food. They are *attracted / attraction* by the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for *permission / promise* to kill the animals to reduce the danger to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has *refusal / refused* this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable *spaces / species*. The World Wildlife Fund says they are *on / in* danger because of the "ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to *keep / make* the polar bears away from the people of Belushya Guba.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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\_nd th\_\_r d\_\_ly r\_\_t\_n\_s \_r\_b\_r\_k\_n. P\_r\_n\_t\_s  
\_r\_f\_r\_\_d t\_l\_t th\_\_r ch\_l\_d\_r\_n g\_t\_s ch\_\_l  
\_r\_k\_n\_d\_r\_g\_r\_t\_n." A\_l\_c\_l s\_\_d: "I h\_v\_ b\_\_  
n [h\_r\_] s\_n\_c\_ 1983, b\_t th\_r\_ h\_v\_ n\_v\_r  
b\_\_n s\_m\_n\_y p\_l\_r b\_\_rs \_n th\_ v\_c\_n\_t\_y."

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\_c\_ \_s m\_l\_t\_n\_g, w\_h\_c\_h m\_\_ns th\_ b\_\_rs \_r\_  
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\_t\_t\_r\_c\_t\_d b\_y th\_ s\_m\_l\_l \_f\_f\_\_d \_n\_b\_n\_s \_\_t  
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B\_l\_s\_h\_y\_ G\_b\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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polar bears on an island in russia are scaring people in a small town at least 52 polar bears have been seen wandering around the town of belushya guba the town is on the island of novaya zemlya which is in the arctic ocean the situation has become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes and offices local officials have declared a polar bear emergency local official alexander minayev said the people are scared they are frightened to leave homes and their daily routines are broken parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten a local said i have been here since 1983 but there have never been so many polar bears in the vicinity

officials say the polar bears are roaming into towns looking for food they say that climate change is one reason for this more sea ice is melting which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food they are attracted by the smell of food in bins outside peoples homes town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the danger to humans however russia's environmental agency has refused this request polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species the world wildlife fund says they are in danger because of the ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change it is helping to keep the polar bears away from the people of belushya guba.

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

Polar bearson an island in Russia are scaring people in a small town. At least 52 polar bears have been seen wandering around the town of Belushya Guba. The town is on the island of Novaya Zemlya, which is in the Arctic Ocean. The situation has become serious because the bears have chased people and entered homes and offices. Local officials have declared a "polar bear emergency". Local official Alexander Minayev said: "The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes and their daily routines are broken. Parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears in the vicinity." Officials say the polar bears are roaming in towns looking for food. They say that climate change is one reason for this. More sea ice is melting, which means the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They are attracted by the smell of food in bins outside people's homes. Town officials have asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the danger to humans. However, Russia's environmental agency has refused this request. Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change". It is helping to keep the polar bears away from the people of Belushya Guba.







# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. POLAR BEARS:** Make a poster about polar bears. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. VULNERABLE:** Write a magazine article about never killing any vulnerable animal. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on polar bears. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep wild animals away from towns. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. d    3. f    4. e    5. c    6. g    7. a  
8. h    9. j    10. l    11. m    12. n    13. k    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. scaring    | a. frightening  |
| 2. wandering  | b. walking      |
| 3. serious    | c. bad          |
| 4. routines   | d. habits       |
| 5. vicinity   | e. neighborhood |
| 6. looking    | f. searching    |
| 7. attracted  | g. lured        |
| 8. reduce     | h. lower        |
| 9. classed    | i. classified   |
| 10. resulting | j. following    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- At least 52
- The Arctic Ocean
- Homes and offices
- Daily routines
- To school and kindergarten
- Food
- Sea ice
- In bins
- Vulnerable species
- Keeping polar bears away

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Polar bears on an island are scaring people.
- Polar bears have been seen wandering around town.
- Local officials have declared a polar bear emergency.
- Parents are afraid to let their children go.
- There have never been so many polar bears.
- Bears are roaming into towns looking for food.
- They say that climate change is one reason.
- They are attracted by the smell of food.
- Polar bears are classed as a vulnerable species.
- Keep the polar bears away from the people.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)