

# Polar Bears

## Reading Comprehension

### Instructions:

Read the story and answer the questions below. As you answer each question, go back to the text and underline where you found the answer.

### Helpful Hint:

Read carefully. If you need to, reread the passage to answer the questions.



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- \_\_\_\_\_
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# Answer Key

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