

Polar Bears
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Riddle:

My skin is really black.

I look white because of my fur.

Who am I?

I am a Polar Bear

Where Polar Bears are found:

Polar Bears live in the Arctic, in the U.S.A, Canada, Russia, Greenland and Norway. Polar Bears can live in the ocean or on land in the Arctic. They can be found on pack ice, coastal Islands, coastlines and Arctic waters.

How Polar Bears give birth:

After the female Polar Bear reaches 5 years, she can have cubs. They usually have 2 cubs which weigh 1 pound at birth and are about 15 pounds when they leave the den.

What kind of house the Polar Bear has:

Polar Bears dig a den in the Fall and stay there. Most are made in snow drifts. They have one big room with a hole in the ceiling to get fresh air.

Special things about a Polar Bear's fur:

A Polar Bear's fur appears white but each hair is actually a clear hollow tube. When the Sun's rays hits the tube its energy goes directly to the Bear's skin. Even the bottom of the Bear's paws has fur on it so it doesn't slip on the ice.

How big a Polar Bear is:

Male Polar bears are 8 to 11 feet long and weigh 500 to 1,100 pounds (maximum 1,500 pounds). Females are 6 to 8 feet long and weigh 350 to 600 pounds (maximum 700 pounds).

Special feet:

The Polar bear's feet are partly webbed for swimming. They have really sharp claws.

What a Polar Bear eats:

Polar bears eat meat. They mostly eat seals but they also eat small walruses. Sometimes they feed on dead whales. Polar bears depend mostly on their sense of smell to find their food. A Polar bear can smell a seal more than 32km away.

How a Polar Bear gets around:

Polar bears are strong swimmers. They can swim for several hours at a time over long distances. They can swim up to 10km per hour.

Conclusion:

God crafted and gifted Polar bears. God gave them a good sense of smell. Their skin is black. They just look white because of their fur.