



# Polar Bears and Penguins



*Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.*

Even though they both live in cold places, polar bears and penguins lead very different lives. Let's explore how these two creatures live.

Polar bears live in the Arctic, which is in the Northern Hemisphere. They are excellent swimmers and often hunt for their food in the water. Their main diet consists of seals, which they catch from the edge of the ice. Polar bears have thick white fur that helps them blend into their snowy surroundings.

On the other side of the world in the Southern Hemisphere, penguins call Antarctica their home. Unlike polar bears, penguins cannot fly or walk very well, but they are fantastic swimmers. They spend a lot of their time in the water, hunting for fish and krill. Penguins have black and white feathers, which help them camouflage while swimming.

Although polar bears and penguins both live in cold environments and are excellent swimmers, they live in different parts of the world and have different diets and ways of moving around.

1) Where do polar bears live, and where do penguins live?

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2. What is the main diet of polar bears and penguins?

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3) How are polar bears and penguins similar?

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4) How are polar bears and penguins different?

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5) Why do you think polar bears and penguins have different types of coverings (fur and feathers)?

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