

Polar Bear

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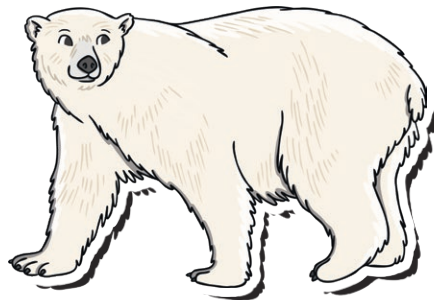
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Questions



1. How long is an average adult polar bear?



2. Which verb has the author used instead of repeating the word 'smell'?



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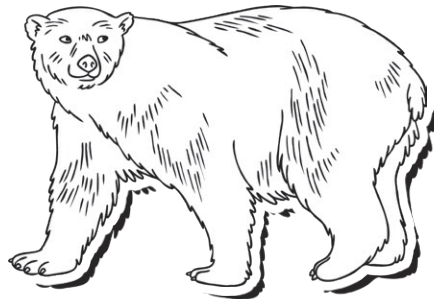
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Answers



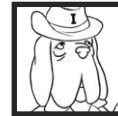
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The average adult polar bear is 2–3 metres in length.



2. Which verb has the author used instead of repeating the word 'smell'?

sniff



3. Why do you think it is important for a polar bear to build up its fat reserves?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it's important for a polar bear to build up its fat reserves because it needs them to survive in the cold conditions.



4. Where do you think you could look to find out about how to help save the polar bears?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think you could look on the Internet or in a library to find out how to help polar bears.