



## Animals In The Arctic



This is Panuk. Panuk is a polar bear. He lives at the North Pole. The North Pole is in the Arctic. It is very cold in the Arctic. Look at his thick white coat. All that fur helps keep Panuk warm.

Panuk has big, wide paws. His paws help him to spread his weight. His paws help him to walk on the snow and ice. There is a lot of snow and ice in the Arctic. Panuk's paws are also very good for swimming. Panuk can use them to paddle. Polar bears are very good swimmers.

R: What helps keep Panuk warm?

R: Name 2 things that Panuk's paws are good for?

Panuk lives on the seashore. He goes out on the sea ice to hunt. The sea ice sits on top of the ocean. Panuk catches seals and fish to eat.

V: What does the word shore mean? Circle your answer.

sea ice

edge of the water

iceberg



This is Amka. Amka is an Arctic fox. She lives at the North Pole too. Amka has a long fluffy tail. She can use her tail as a blanket. She has thick fur just like Panuk. Amka's fur keeps her warm. Amka's fur is white in winter. This blends into the snow. In summer, she is brown. This matches the ground. It is hard to see Amka. She can hide very easily. The bottom of Amka's feet are covered in fur. This helps to keep her warm. Amka likes to eat very small animals. She will eat insects and berries.

E: Why is it hard to see Amka?



This is Hanta. Hanta is an Arctic hare. He has fur like Amka. It is brown in summer. It is white in winter. This makes Hanta hard to see. Hanta can hide easily. Look at Hanta's feet. Hanta has feet which are long and wide. They act like snowshoes. This helps Hanta to run on the snow. They stop him sinking.

E: Choose an animal. How are its feet well designed for walking on the snow?

Answers:

R: Polly's fur keeps her warm.

R: Paddling, swimming or walking on the ice and snow.

V: Edge of the water.

E: She is white in winter, like the snow and brown in summer, like the ground.

E: Polar bear- has big, wide paws to spread his weight. Fox- bottom of feet covered in fur to keep it warm. Hare- long and wide feet like snowshoes and help to run on the snow.