



The Amazing Arctic Fox

An Arctic fox is a mammal that is about the same size as a small dog. They live in most Arctic countries, such as Greenland, Iceland and Norway. Arctic foxes are really special animals because they have changed their bodies to help them to live in very cold places.

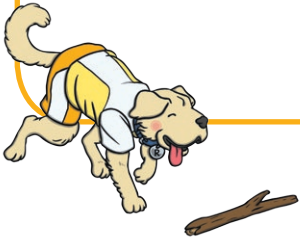
Q1: Write one word to complete this sentence.

The Arctic fox is about the same size as a small _____.

Q2: Which of these countries can the Arctic Fox be found in?

Tick **three**.

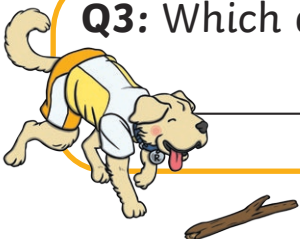
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The Arctic fox is a great hunter. They have a super sense of hearing and wide ears. These two things mean that an Arctic fox can work out exactly where their prey is – even if they are under the snow!

The Arctic fox likes to eat small rodents called lemmings and small birds. They will eat berries when they grow in spring and summer. Sometimes, if they cannot find food, the Arctic fox will follow a polar bear around and eat whatever they leave behind.

Q3: Which animal will the Arctic fox sometimes follow around?



Q4: Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.



great ●

small ●

wide ●

super ●

● ears

● hunter

● hearing

● rodents

To help them to live in very cold places, the Arctic fox's body is covered in thick fur – even on the bottom of their feet! This keeps them warm all year round and helps them to walk on snow and ice.

The Arctic fox's fur is really special because it changes colour with the seasons. In winter, when there are no plants, their fur turns white to blend in with the snow. In the spring, when trees and plants begin to grow, their white fur falls out and their new fur is brown.



Q5: Why is it important for the Arctic fox's fur to change colour?



Q6: Number the facts below in the order that they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

- Their body is covered in thick fur.
- The Arctic fox is a great hunter.
- 1 An Arctic fox is a mammal.
- They live in most Arctic countries.
- Sometimes they will follow a polar bear around.





The Amazing Arctic Fox **Answers**

Q1: Write **one** word to complete this sentence.

The Arctic fox is about the same size as a small _____ **(1)** _____.

In the space marked as (1), accept the answer 'dog' only.

Q2: Which of these countries can the Arctic Fox be found in?

Tick **three**.

England

Norway

Iceland

Spain

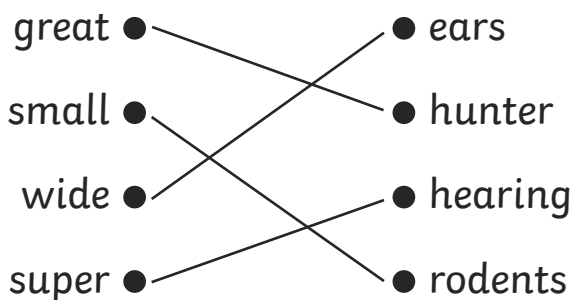
Scotland

Greenland

Q3: Which animal will the Arctic fox sometimes follow around?

Accept the answer 'polar bear' only.

Q4: Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.



Q5: Why is it important for the Arctic fox's fur to change colour?

Accept any reasonable answer which relates to hiding or blending in to its habitat (camouflage), e.g.

- **It is important for the Arctic fox's fur to change colour so that it blends in with its habitat.**
- **When the Arctic fox's fur changes colour it can hide in the snow or trees.**
- **It is important for the fur to change so that the Arctic fox does not get eaten.**

Q6: Number the facts below in the order that they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

- ⑤ **Their body is covered in thick fur.**
- ③ **The Arctic fox is a great hunter.**
- ① **An Arctic fox is a mammal.**
- ② **They live in most Arctic countries.**
- ④ **Sometimes they will follow a polar bear around.**