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## Level 4

### Video of starving polar bear goes viral

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171212-polar-bear-4.html>

A video of a starving polar bear has gone viral. The bear is looking for food as it slowly walks across land with no snow. The bear is nothing but skin and bones. It is too weak to stand up properly. The photographer stated that the polar bear's condition was a clear sign of the terrible impact of climate change. He said filming the animal was amazingly sad. His team were, "pushing through their tears and emotions while documenting this dying polar bear".

The photographer's team was filming a documentary on conservation. He said: "This is what starvation looks like....It's a slow, painful death." He said the bear's condition was because of global warming. He said: "As temperatures rise and sea ice melts, polar bears lose access to the main [part] of their diets - seals." Climate change is threatening the world's 26,000 polar bears. They are starving. They have to go into towns to look for food.

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<http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/viral-video-of-starving-polar-bear-spurs-calls-for-climate-change-action-1.3714570>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. A video of a starving polar bear has | a. with no snow     |
| 2. The bear is                          | b. and emotions     |
| 3. it slowly walks across land          | c. up properly      |
| 4. nothing but skin                     | d. looking for food |
| 5. It is too weak to stand              | e. sad              |
| 6. the terrible impact of               | f. gone viral       |
| 7. amazingly                            | g. and bones        |
| 8. pushing through their tears          | h. climate change   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. filming a documentary          | a. seals            |
| 2. This is what starvation        | b. painful death    |
| 3. It's a slow,                   | c. to look for food |
| 4. because of global              | d. looks like       |
| 5. temperatures rise and sea      | e. polar bears      |
| 6. the main part of their diets - | f. warming          |
| 7. threatening the world's 26,000 | g. on conservation  |
| 8. They have to go into towns     | h. ice melts        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A video of a starving polar bear (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The bear is looking for food as it slowly walks (2) \_\_\_\_\_ no snow. The bear is nothing but (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It is too weak to stand up properly. The photographer stated that the polar bear's condition was a clear (4) \_\_\_\_\_ terrible impact of climate change. He said filming the animal (5) \_\_\_\_\_. His team were, "pushing through their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ while documenting this dying polar bear".

The photographer's team (7) \_\_\_\_\_ documentary on conservation. He said: "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ starvation looks like....It's a slow, painful death." He said the bear's condition (9) \_\_\_\_\_ global warming. He said: "As temperatures rise and sea ice melts, polar bears (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the main [part] (11) \_\_\_\_\_ - seals." Climate change is threatening the world's 26,000 polar bears. They are starving. They have to go into towns to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# POLAR BEARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171212-polar-bear-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about polar bears in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171212-polar-bear-4.html>

Write about **polar bears** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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