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Level 2 – 14th January, 2019

Dozens of polar bears invade Russian town

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Polar bears in the Russian town of Belushya Guba are scaring people. At least 52 bears have been seen wandering around. The town is on an island in the Arctic Ocean. The situation is serious because the bears have chased people into homes and offices. Local officials declared a "polar bear emergency". One said: "The people are scared. They are frightened to leave homes....Parents are afraid to let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local person said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never been so many polar bears."

The polar bears are walking into towns looking for food. Experts say climate change is one reason for this. More sea ice is melting, so the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They can smell the food in bins outside people's homes. The town asked for permission to kill the animals to reduce the danger. However, Russia's environmental agency refused this request. Polar bears are a vulnerable species. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change".

Sources: <https://weather.com/news/news/2019-02-11-russian-archipelago-invaded-polar-bears-emergency>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/02/11/asia/polar-bears-russia-intl/index.html>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/02/11/mass-invasion-polar-bears-is-terrorizing-an-island-town-climate-change-is-blame/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. bears have been seen | a. go to school |
| 2. The situation is | b. wandering around |
| 3. officials declared a polar bear | c. many polar bears |
| 4. They are frightened | d. emergency |
| 5. Parents are | e. since 1983 |
| 6. let their children | f. to leave |
| 7. I have been here | g. serious |
| 8. there have never been so | h. afraid |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. climate change is one | a. this request |
| 2. They can smell the food | b. danger |
| 3. outside people's | c. in bins |
| 4. asked for permission to | d. change |
| 5. environmental agency refused | e. homes |
| 6. Polar bears are a vulnerable | f. kill the animals |
| 7. they are in | g. reason for this |
| 8. resulting from climate | h. species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Polar bears in the Russian town of Belushya Guba (1) _____. At least 52 bears have been seen wandering around. The town (2) _____ island in the Arctic Ocean. The (3) _____ because the bears have chased people into homes and offices. Local officials declared a "polar bear emergency". One said: "The (4) _____. They are frightened to leave homes....Parents (5) _____ let their children go to school or kindergarten." A local person said: "I have been [here] since 1983, but there have never (6) _____ polar bears."

The polar bears are walking (7) _____ for food. Experts say climate change (8) _____ for this. More sea ice is melting, so the bears are moving into new areas to find food. They can smell the (9) _____ outside people's homes. The town asked for permission to kill the animals to (10) _____. However, Russia's environmental agency refused this request. Polar bears are (11) _____. The World Wildlife Fund says they are in danger because of the "loss of their sea ice (12) _____ climate change".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POLAR BEARS SURVEY

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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

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