ReadWorks Animals of the Arctic

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The Arctic is a snowy place. Come meet some animals that live in this icy habitat.

Polar bears live in the Arctic. These big white animals live mostly on land. They also spend time in the cold Arctic Ocean. Polar bears look for food in holes in the ocean ice. They like to eat seals and walruses.

The white snowy owl flies in the Arctic. In the daytime, it hunts for food. The snowy owl can eat some small animals whole.

Seals swim in the Arctic Ocean. They catch fish to eat. They like to slide on the ice, too!

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For questions 1–4, please circle the correct answer.

- 1. What is the weather like in the Arctic?
 - A) cold and rainy
 - B) cold and snowy
 - C) hot and sunny
- **2.** This text gives us information about animals that live in the Arctic. What are some of the animals that live in the Arctic?
 - A) tigers, lions, and elephants
 - B) polar bears, snowy owls, and seals
 - C) deer, bears, and snakes
- **3.** Polar bears spend some time in the Arctic Ocean. What does this information tell us about polar bears?
 - A) Polar bears can swim.
 - B) Polar bears are afraid of the water.
 - C) Polar bears can breathe underwater.
- **4.** What is "Animals of the Arctic" mostly about?
 - A) animals that live in the Arctic
 - B) polar bear diets
 - C) where the Arctic is on a globe

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What did you learn from "Animals of the Arctic"?								

8. Class Discussion Question: List all five animals mentioned in the text that live in the Arctic. Be sure to mention which part of the text tells you that information.