

# The American bison



The American bison, sometimes called a buffalo, is a large hoofed (foot) mammal that inhabits the plains of the United States and Canada. The American bison is more closely related to cows and goats.

Male bison\* are slightly larger than females. But both the male and female bison have a big head with small curved horns and a beard.

Bison are herbivores, feeding on the grasses of the prairie land. They will generally relax during the day and eat grass in the mornings and evenings. Bison also need to find water every day.

A bison have few natural predators because of their size, but wolves, mountain lions and bears do attack the very young or very old bison.

*\*note: one bison, two bison, three bison, ..*

Source: <https://animalfactguide.com/animal-facts/american-bison/>.

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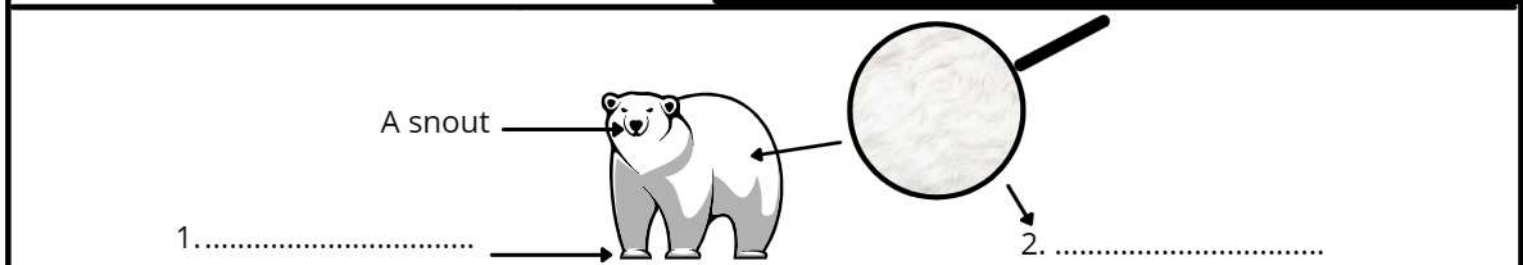


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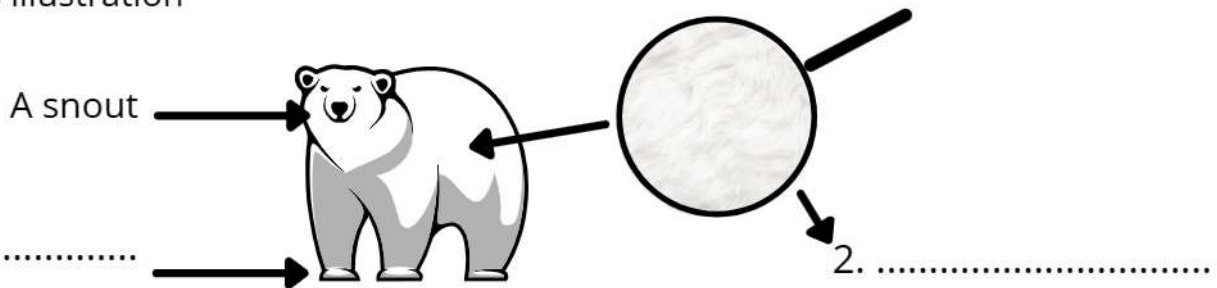


The polar bear is the world's largest land predators. They live in the Arctic, the U.S. (Alaska), Canada, Russia, Denmark (Greenland), and Norway. Today, 25,000 to 40,000 polar bears roam the Arctic. They usually only have two cubs (=baby polar bears) and they have these babies in a cave. A polar bear's fur is not white but transparent. Polar bears look white because each hair reflects the light. Under the fur, a polar bear's skin is black.

Polar bears have large front paws with toes that help them swim. Polar bears primarily eat seals. They often wait silently at a seal's breathing hole in the ice, waiting for a seal in the water to surface. Humans are the polar bear's only predator. Baby polar bears often starve because they can't find food. Man-made pollution is also a cause of death.

Source: [https://www.kidzone.ws/SG/polarbear/polar\\_bear.htm](https://www.kidzone.ws/SG/polarbear/polar_bear.htm)

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