

# Arctic Winters

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Have you ever been in the arctic? I have not been to the arctic but I know that it is very cold. To be exact it gets minus thirty degrees! Different animals live in the arctic but how do they survive? Keep reading and you will find out!

Animals have found ways to adapt to this harsh and cold environment. One way that animals have found to survive in the cold is to grow a thicker coat. “Coat” is another way of saying the fur on the animal. Some animals such as the snow rabbit change their coat and color during different seasons. In the winter the snow rabbit is white and has a thick coat. When the snow rabbit is white it blends in with the snow, and it helps it hide from its predators. In the summer and spring, the snow rabbit is brown, and it has a little bit of red in the coat. Another way animals have adapted to the cold is hibernating. “Hibernating” is when an animal goes to sleep for the entire winter. Can you imagine not doing anything for a few months? In the arctic, winter lasts for eight months. The animal does not even use the bathroom! Many animals do this, but the bear is the champion at this. The bear prepares for hibernation in the fall. During the fall the bear eats a lot and gains fat. While the bear is hibernating, the bear can feed off the fat stored in its body. Walruses found away to survive in the arctic too. Walrus has “blubber” to keep out the cold.

Blubber is a synonym for fat. Walruses also go to the cold arctic floor to dig for clams. Walruses eat clams. In the arctic there is a special type of owl called the Snowy Owl. The Snowy Owl’s body is covered in “ soft, fluffy feathers.”. Snowy Owls have feathers from their head to their toes that keep them warm in the arctic. People in the Arctic have also found different ways to survive too. One way is hunting. Since, not many plants grow in the Arctic people have became spectacular hunters. In the winter people live in igloos. An “igloo” is a small little shelter that is made out of ice blocks. In the spring and summer, Arctic people build tents from things in the forest and eat berries.

In conclusion the weather in the arctic is very cold but people and animals have found ways to adapt. Today I told you about how animals have adapted to the Arctic cold and how humans have adapted to the Arctic cold too. You also learned different synonyms and what each one means. My final thoughts on this story is that it is the perfect story to learn about adaption in the Arctic. Another reason why I think that this is a good story because it is also an example of a great narrative.