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### **Polar Bear Makes the List**

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the USA's Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal, plant or any other kind of wildlife that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears had already been categorized as a "threatened" species which the ESA defines as one that is likely to become "endangered" in the foreseeable future.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered due primarily to global warming. Global warming is a form of climate change caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere. Oil and gas heaters, engines using oil or petrol (or gasoline) and coal-powered electricity plants all require fossil fuels that lead to global warming. Renewable energy sources that don't cause global warming, which include among others solar, wind and hydro-electricity power, have been strongly attacked by many of the world's biggest companies in order to protect the huge profits they make from fossil fuels. They do this even though they're fully aware of how much fossil fuels are damaging our planet and endangering many of the species we share it with.

The polar bear's habitat is more vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is where they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter

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feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. If they have to swim too far they will drown from exhaustion and hunger. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that over 25% of Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 30 years.

(Adapted from: <https://www.englishclub.com/reading/environment/endangered-species.html>)

**Read the instructions for each question carefully before answering.**

**1. Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences. (2 points)**

**a)** What is the definition of a “threatened” species? (1 point)

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**b)** Why does global warming provoke a shorter feeding season for the polar bear? (1 point)

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**2. Find a synonym in the text for these words. (1 point)**

**a)** close to extinction: \_\_\_\_\_ (0,5 points)

**b)** mainly: \_\_\_\_\_ (0,5 points)

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**3. Are the following sentences true or false? Underline the correct option.  
(1 point)**

a) When the ice melts in the Arctic, polar bears can survive thanks to their fat reserves. TRUE / FALSE (0,5 points)

b) Less and less greenhouse gases are becoming trapped in the atmosphere. TRUE / FALSE (0,5 points)

**4. Underline the best option. (1 point)**

a) There are ... types of renewable energies. (0,5 points)

1. three                      2. some                      3. too many

b) Nowadays due to global warming the Arctic ice melts ... and appears ... (0,5 points)

1. sooner / too late    2. faster / a bit later    3. sooner / much later

**5. Write the comparative and superlative forms of each of the adjectives below. (1 point)**

a) big: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ (0,20 points)

b) dirty: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ (0,20 points)

c) boring: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ (0,20 points)

d) fast: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ (0,20 points)

**6. Choose one of the following topics and write a text of 60-80 words long.  
(4 points)**

a) What things can you do in your daily life to protect the environment?

b) Would you like to join an organisation to help protect endangered animal species?

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