



Frozen Friends

Some animals live in places that are very, very cold. These places can have deep snow, strong winds, and freezing temperatures. Animals that live there must have special ways to stay warm.

One animal that lives in the cold is the **polar bear**. Polar bears have thick fur and a layer of fat called **blubber**. Blubber helps keep their bodies warm in icy water.

Another cold-weather animal is the **Arctic fox**. In winter, the Arctic fox grows a thick white coat. This coat helps the fox stay warm and also helps it **blend in** with the snowy land.

Penguins live in cold places near Antarctica. Emperor penguins huddle together in large groups to stay warm. When they huddle, they stand very close to each other so the wind cannot reach their bodies as easily.

These animals have amazing ways to survive in some of the coldest places on Earth.

1. Vocabulary in Context - The passage says polar bears have a layer of fat called **blubber**. What does **blubber** most likely mean?

2. Text Evidence - Which sentence from the passage shows how Arctic foxes stay hidden in the snow?

3. Vocabulary in Context - The passage says penguins **huddle together**. What does **huddle** most likely mean?

4. Text Evidence - Find one detail from the passage that explains how animals stay warm in cold places.
