Polar Bear

This animal hunts seals by waiting for them to come to the surface to breathe. They also hunt by swimming underneath the ice. The mother will protect, feed, and teach their cub how to hunt for 2 and a half years. They have rough paw pads to help them from slipping on the ice. They use their large front paws to propel them through the water and they use their back legs to steer. Their skin is black, but their fur is white/clear and hollow. They also have a thick layer of blubber (fat) to protect them from the cold.

Orca

They live from 30-50 years. They can grow up to 23 feet long. The baby is called a calf and will stay with its mom for up to 2 years. They travel in a group called a pod. They use clicking sounds to find food and to communicate with their friends. They like to use synergy when they hunt, they work together to catch their prey. They have long round bodies with fins on their backs. They have white patches on their belly and around their eyes.

Walrus

Because of its size, you may think this animal moves very slow, but they can actually move as fast as a human. They have long tusks and a big mustache with over 700 whiskers. The whiskers help them detect what food to eat. They use their tusks to create breathing holes in the ice and to help pull themselves out of the water. They can stay under water for up to 30 minutes. They like to snort and bellow at their friends.

Ermine

This animal eats small mammals (like [mice](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/rodent/Mouseprintout.shtml), [squirrels](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/rodent/Squirrelprintout.shtml), [rabbits](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/farm/Rabbitprintout.shtml), and hares), [birds](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/birds/printouts/), [insects](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml), carrion (dead meat that they find), and berries. They have brown to yellow-brown fur with paler fur on the belly. The tip of the tail is often black. They grow white fur in the winter, but the tip of the tail remains black. When an animal chases it, it will often chase the black tail tip and miss catching it. They have very short legs, a long snout, big eyes, and a long, slender body.

Penguin

This is the only animal that spends their winter time on the ice. They clump together in a huge group. They take turns moving inside the group where they are protected from the icy cold. The dad (male) takes care of the egg while the mom (female) goes to hunt for fish and krill. The dad holds the egg on his feet under his belly for 2 months. The mom comes back and regurgitates (throws up) her fish to feed the new chick. They are black and white.

Seal

This animal hunts 300 feet below the surface of the water. They can dive to up to a thousand (1000) feet. They can stay under water for 15 minutes. They loose their top layers of skin and grow new fur every year. The baby is called a pup and does not have any blubber. They grow blubber as they get older. The pups go without food for 6 weeks and loose a lot of weight until they can hunt for themselves. They can live up to 30 years and they love to eat fish!

Caribou

This animal eats grass, moss, and lichen. They travel in a group called a herd. Their broad hooves act like snowshoes! The male is called a buck. The female is called a doe. Both males and females grow antlers, but shed them in the winter.