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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 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)

Evidence from the text: "a 'threatened' species which the ESA defines as one that is likely to become 'endangered' in the foreseeable future." (Paragraph 1)

Possible answer: A threatened species is an animal or plant that is not endangered yet, but may be in danger of extinction in the future.

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

Evidence from the text: "global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear." (Paragraph 3)

Possible answer: Because the ice in the Arctic disappears earlier and comes back later, polar bears have less time to hunt and get food.

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

a) close to extinction: __ **endangered** __ (Paragraph 1) (0.5 points)

b) mainly: __ **primarily** __ (Paragraph 2) (0.5 points)

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**
Evidence from the text: "When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat." (Paragraph 3) / FALSE (0.5 points)

b) Less and less greenhouse gases are becoming trapped in the atmosphere. **TRUE / FALSE**
Evidence from the text: "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." (Paragraph 2)
(0.5 points)

4. Underline the best option. (1 point)

a) There are _____ types of renewable energies. (0.5 points)



1. Three **X** This option is incorrect because the text mentions solar, wind and hydro-electricity, but it also says "among others".
2. **Some Evidence from the text: "Renewable energy sources that don't cause global warming, which include among others solar, wind and hydro-electricity power..." (Paragraph 2)**
3. too many **X** This option is incorrect because it means an excessive number, and the text does not say that.

b) Nowadays due to global warming the Arctic ice melts _____ and appears _____ (0.5 points)

1. sooner / too late **X** This option is incorrect because the text says "slightly later", not "too late". (Paragraph 3)
2. **faster / a bit later Evidence from the text: "the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later." (Paragraph 3)**
3. sooner / much later **X** This option is incorrect because the text says "slightly later", not "much later".

5. Write the comparative and superlative forms of each of the adjectives below.

(1 point)

- a) big: ___ **bigger** ___ ; ___ **the biggest** ___ (0.25 points) Big is a short adjective ending in consonant + vowel + consonant, so we double the final consonant and add -er / -est.
- b) dirty: ___ **dirtier / more dirty** ___ ; ___ **(the) dirtiest / (the) most dirty** ___ (0.25 points) Dirty ends in consonant + y, so we change y to i and add -er / -est.
- c) boring: ___ **more boring** ___ ; ___ **(the) most boring** ___ (0.25 points) Boring is a longer adjective, so we use more for the comparative and the most for the superlative.
- d) fast: ___ **faster** ___ ; ___ **the fastest** ___ (0.25 points) Fast is a short adjective, so we add -er for the comparative and -est for the superlative.

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

MODEL SAMPLE A

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

Note: We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay



Short introduction, 2- 3 lines	I think we can do many simple things to protect the environment in our daily life.
Main body divided into 2 or máx. 3 paragraphs	First of all , we can recycle paper, plastic and glass. We can also use less water when we have a shower or brush our teeth. In addition , we should walk, ride a bike or use public transport instead of using the car
Short conclusion, 2-3 lines	Finally , it is important to buy less plastic and reuse bags. In my opinion , small actions can make a big difference. (79 words)

MODEL SAMPLE B

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

Note: We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay

Short introduction, 2- 3 lines	I would like to join an organisation to help protect endangered animal species.
Main body divided into 2 or máx. 3 paragraphs	In my opinion , animals are important for nature and we should protect them. First of all , I could help by giving money or sharing information on social media. Also , I could take part in campaigns or activities to clean natural places. However , I know that I cannot solve the problem alone.
Short conclusion, 2-3 lines	To sum up , joining an organisation is a good way to help animals and learn more about the environment. (83 words)