



A. Read the headline below and check if it matches any of your ideas

Polar bears are facing extinction in the wake
of retreating sea ice

B. Match six of the words in the box with the definitions below

banks- cubs- deserts- fast (n)- fat (n)- icebergs- mammals- marine-
penguins- prey- seals- species- thrive- waves

1. eating no food at all for a period of time _____
2. a group of animals or plants of the same kind _____
3. an animal that is hunted and eaten by another animal _____
4. young bears, lions, tigers, etc. _____
5. animals that feed their young with milk from their body _____
6. relating to the sea and creatures that live there _____

C. Read ONLY the introduction to the article on page 18 then answer the following questions:

1. How long have sea levels been rising? Are they still rising?
2. How long has polar ice been shrinking? Is it still shrinking?
3. What success have environmentalists had in their fight against global warning?

D. Read the rest of the text then answer the questions in exercise 5 p. 19

E. Find word (s) in the text which mean:

1. to impose oneself (verb): _____
2. speaking with pride (adjective); _____
3. depending on (adj): _____

F. What do the following pronouns refer to?

1. this (introduction- last line): _____
2. which (paragraph 1- line 3): _____
3. they (paragraph 7- line 3): _____

F. Watch <http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20170221-struggle-to-save-elephant-calf>