

Polar Bear Food Cards (or draw your own), scissors, tape, ribbon, stick or wooden dowel, yarn, paper clip, cardboard box. White paper.

: Cut out the Polar Bear Food Cards. Tape a loop of ribbon on the back of each card. Make sure the loop is large enough for with a fishing pole.

: Assemble the fishing pole. Cut a piece of yarn about 12 inches (30 cm) long. Tie one end of the yarn to a stick, and the other end to a paper clip. Bend the paper clip open to make a hook.

: Place the Polar Bear Food Cards in a cardboard box. : Cut a hole in the lid as a fishing hole. Decorate with white paper to make the box look like ice.

Pretend you are a polar bear and go fishing! Use your fishing pole to catch each food card.

What kinds of foods did you catch? Did you catch anything that was not so good to eat? (Plastic garbage from around the world travels all the way up to the Arctic Ocean!)



Polar bears are marine mammals. They prefer to live
stay close to their main food: seals. Even in the
summer, they will swim great distances to find pack
ice. Pregnant females make dens on the pack ice (or on
land close to pack ice).

oceanoday.noaa.gov/animalsoftheice_polarbears/

In the summer, if the pack ice is too far, some polar bears will have to stay on land until winter comes again. They will live off the fat reserves from their rich winter diet.

Climate change is causing sea ice to melt faster in the Arctic. Without sea ice, polar bears cannot find enough food. Because their habitat is changing, polar bears are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.



Print and cut out. Tape a loop of ribbon to each card.

