

6-Traits of Writing Workshop  
Sequencing Strips: “Polar Bears”

During their summer hunting season, polar bears creep across the snow, silent as cats, hoping to capture an unsuspecting seal—their favorite meal.

They live in the arctic, where their unusually thick fur and blubber protect them from icy winds and below zero temperatures.

Most of the big bears are successful hunters just often enough to keep going through the summer months—and build up a new layer of fat for winter.

While the mother bear hibernates, the new baby polar bears are born, and though they only weigh about a pound at birth, they will weigh well over 20 pounds when they come out of the snow caves in the spring—ready to play!

Unfortunately for polar bears, seals hear very well, and usually the polar bears cannot sneak up on them.

Polar bears are among the largest mammals on earth.

Once the summer hunting season is over and the weather turns brutally cold, the polar bears hibernate deep within the snow.

Polar bears are also kept warm by hollow strands of fur and black skin that absorb sunlight.