



Winter Animals: Sort Them



Cut out the 9 animal cards. Glue each one under the right word.

Name: _____

Date: _____

HIBERNATE

Sleeps for most of the winter in a safe, sheltered place.



MIGRATE

Travels a long way to a warmer place for the winter.



ADAPT

Stays awake and active, and copes with the cold.

glue here

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CUT OUT THESE CARDS



whale



bear



fox



goose



rabbit



hedgehog



polar bear



duck



bat

Talk about it

Why do bats sleep through the cold months?
Hint: what do bats eat, and can they find it in winter?

Draw a bird or animal you have seen outside this winter.



Winter Animals: True or False?



Read each sentence with a grown-up. Circle True or False.

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Date: _____

1 Polar bears sleep all winter in a den.

True

False

2 Hedgehogs hibernate in winter.

True

False

3 Bats sleep in winter because there are few insects to eat.

True

False

4 Every bird flies away when it gets cold.

True

False

5 Humpback whales swim to warm seas to have their babies.

True

False

6 Foxes grow a thicker coat in winter.

True

False

7 Sloth bears in India hibernate.

True

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8 Bar-headed geese fly over the Himalayas to reach India.

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Winter Animals: Sort Them – Answers



Each animal with one true fact. Read them together.

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bear

Eats lots in autumn, then sleeps in a den for most of the winter.



goose

Bar-headed geese fly over the Himalayas to spend winter in India.



polar bear

Thick fur and fat keep it warm. Most hunt on the sea ice all winter.



hedgehog

Makes a nest of leaves and sleeps until spring.



duck

Many ducks, like the pintail, fly to warmer lakes for the winter.



fox

Grows a thicker coat and keeps hunting all winter.



bat

Few insects to eat in winter, so it sleeps in a cave, tree or roof.



whale

Humpback whales swim to warm seas to have their babies.



rabbit

Stays awake and nibbles twigs and bark when grass is scarce.

Good to know (for grown-ups)

- Polar bears do not hibernate. Only mothers expecting cubs rest in a snow den; the other bears stay out hunting on the sea ice.
- Hibernation is more than a long sleep. In hedgehogs and bats the heartbeat slows right down and the body becomes cold, which saves energy.
- Not every bear hibernates. Sloth bears, found in India, stay active all year because their food is there in winter too.
- Rabbits, foxes and deer stay active. Many grow thicker winter coats and change what they eat.
- Winter in India brings visitors: bar-headed geese, pintail ducks and demoiselle cranes fly in from colder lands and stay until spring.



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Why? 1: only mothers expecting cubs den. 4: many birds stay, and some, like ducks and geese, arrive in India for winter. 7: their food (termites and ants) is there all year.