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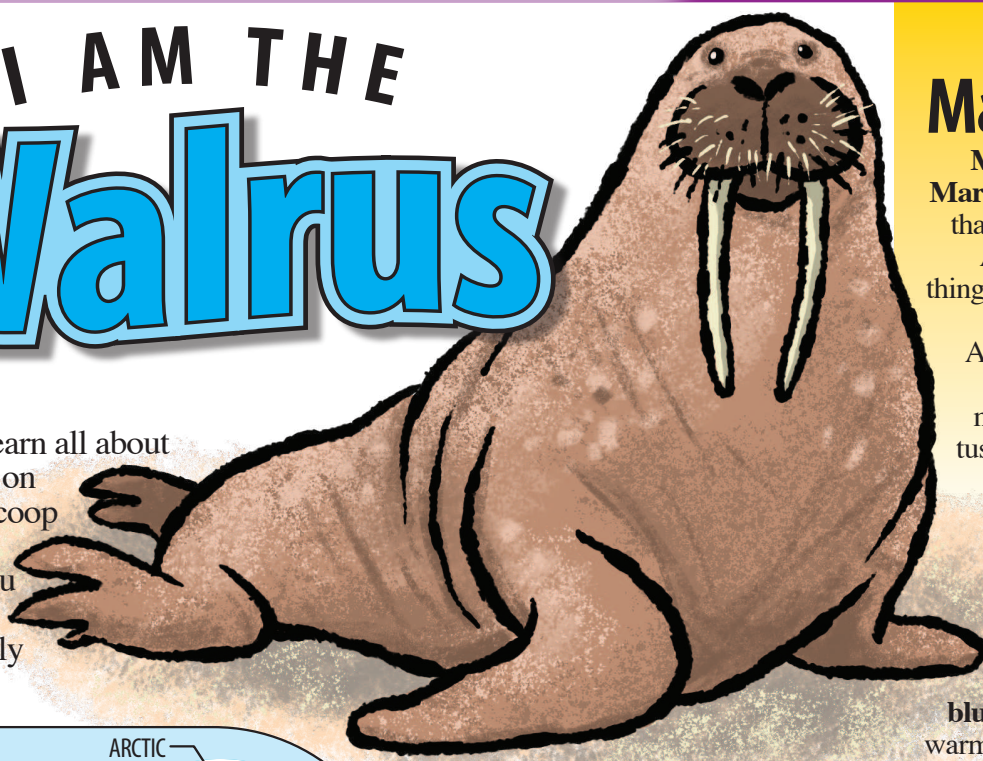
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I AM THE Walrus

Read and learn all about walrus on today's Kid Scoop page. Then share what you learn with a friend or family member.



Massive Marine Animal

Massive means really big. Marine animal means an animal that lives in or near the ocean. A walrus is both of those things—a massive marine animal.

A walrus lives both on land and in the water in cold northern areas. They have tusks, whiskers, and flippers.

Brilliant Blubber

Beneath their skin are thick layers of fat called blubber which keeps a walrus warm and protected from the cold. They can withstand temperatures as low as -31°F (-35°C)!

Where do walrus live?

Walrus live in the Arctic. Is that true?

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How big are they?

about the size of an adult human.
 6 to 10 feet long and weigh 4,000
 An adult walrus can grow to be
 pounds. A newborn calf is 130 pounds.

Put these sentences in order!



Mighty Mustaches

Walrus have mustaches made of super-sensitive whiskers. They use these to find food at the bottom of the ocean. Walrus have between 400 and 700 whiskers, which can grow to 12 inches long.

TRUE OR FALSE: Both male and female walrus have mustaches. Circle every third letter to find out!

B C T J S R L Y U D G E



Extra! Extra! Big, Large, MASSIVE

Look through the newspaper for something that is big. Cut it out, paste it on a piece of paper and write the word **BIG** next to it. Next find something bigger, cut it out, paste it on your paper and label it **LARGE**. Then find something even bigger, cut it out and paste it on your paper and label it **MASSIVE**.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use comparative synonyms.

Deep Sleep

When far from _____ or land, walrus have special pouches on their throats that they can _____ with air like pillows! Once their pouches are full of air, walrus can _____ with their heads on the surface of the water and their bodies hanging _____.

Walrus live in **herds** that can have thousands of members. They pile up on the _____ to keep _____ and sleep in the sunshine.



Tremendous Tusks

Wow! Here are some wild statements about walrus tusks. Are they true? Each one that adds up to an even number is true!

Walrus have long, large tusks that are actually teeth. These can be over 90cm long! That's nearly 3 feet!

TRUE FALSE
13 + 13 + 6 =

Both male and female walrus grow long tusks, which help them live the Arctic life.

TRUE FALSE
9 + 4 + 3 =

Walrus use their tusks like poles, digging them into sand, snow and ice to help them pull their enormous bodies out of the ocean!

TRUE FALSE
8 + 15 + 9 =

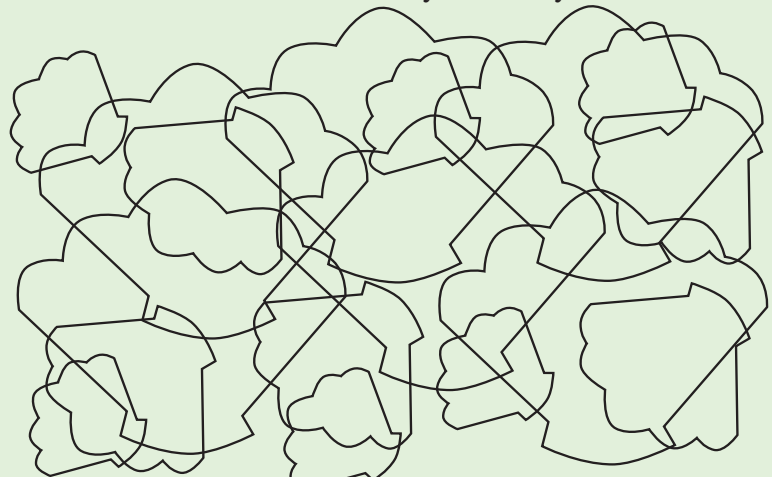
Tusks help the walrus chop through ice from under the water to create breathing holes so they can catch a breath while swimming and hunting.

TRUE FALSE
7 + 2 + 6 + 9 =

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What does a walrus eat?

Walrus find and eat shellfish like clams from the sea floor. They also enjoy sea cucumbers and mussels. Adults will sometimes hunt fish. How many clams do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

- MUSTACHE
- WHISKERS
- FLIPPERS
- MASSIVE
- BLUBBER
- PILLOWS
- WALRUS
- ARCTIC
- MARINE
- TUSK
- HOLES
- WATER
- COLD
- CALF
- TRUE

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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