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# Quick Questions



1. How long is an average adult polar bear?

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2. Which verb has the author used instead of repeating the word 'smell'?

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3. Why is it important for a polar bear to build up its fat reserves?

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# Answers



1. How long is an average adult polar bear?  
**The average polar bear is 2-3 metres in length.**



2. Which verb has the author used instead of repeating the word 'smell'?  
**sniff out**



3. Why is it important for a polar bear to build up its fat reserves?  
**Accept any inference relating to the text, e.g. They need to build their fat reserves so that they can survive in the cold conditions.**



4. Where could you look to find out about how to help save the polar bears?  
**Example answers: I could look on the Internet, in a library book, watch a nature programme, etc.**