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- Polar bears are great swimmers and can swim hundreds of miles.
- Polar bears eat seal.

Biologists study polar bears in captivity. This bear has been anesthetized so it could have an exam.

A big black bear. "Polar bears" are not correct.

At the Brookfield Zoo.

Chicago with Dr. Meehan.

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**ALL ABOUT THE THREE SNOW BEARS**

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An Ulu or Woman’s knife

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Small children’s winter clothes sometime have little ears on the hood.

The female owl carries her chicks in her hood, her coat is so amauti.

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