

# Arctic Winters Are Slowly Warming

## Use the News

### Comprehension Check

Read each statement below. Choose the word that best fits in each statement.  
Color the circle before that word.



- Melting ice is causing harm to \_\_\_\_\_ and other Arctic animals.  
 a. lions       b. grizzly bears       c. mountain goats       d. narwhals
- During winter, most people experience the \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures of the year.  
 a. warmest       b. coldest       c. highest       d. hottest
- Some polar bears give birth in \_\_\_\_\_ formed by snow and ice.  
 a. nests       b. caves       c. snowmen       d. forts
- Warmer Arctic temperatures are actually helping some \_\_\_\_\_ species to survive.  
 a. penguin       b. extinct       c. reindeer       d. scientist
- Some \_\_\_\_\_ communities may experience rising sea levels as ice melts in the Arctic.  
 a. island       b. mountain       c. Colorado       d. farm

### Vocabulary Builder

Color the circle before the word that means almost the same as the bold word in each sentence.

- Winter is the **coldest** time of year.  
 a. warmest       b. prettiest       c. happiest       d. chilliest
- As Arctic sea ice melts, ocean levels might **rise** in other parts of the world.  
 a. ripple       b. increase       c. wave       d. awake
- Warm temperatures can cause polar bear homes to **collapse**.  
 a. crumple       b. remain       c. rot       d. wrinkle
- Many people say we must **change** the way we live in order to keep Earth from getting too warm.  
 a. dress       b. rebuild       c. experience       d. adjust

### Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- Warmer temperatures in the Arctic are harming polar bears.
- Ice melting in the Arctic can impact life there and in other places around the world.
- Arctic warming is not a big problem because temperatures have always gone up and down.
- More sea ice melted in 2007 than in any other year.