

How Do Animals Use Camouflage?

Animals use camouflage in many different ways. Some use it to **blend** in with the objects around them. These objects are called **surroundings**. The *polar bear's* white coat blends in with its surroundings—the white snow. This color hides the bear when it is hunting for seals.



The white fur of this polar bear looks like the snow around it.

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- 5 The *black bear's* dark coat helps it hide in dark trees and bushes. 6



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5 Clarifying Teacher Prompt: *We are learning a lot about animal camouflage. Is anyone confused?* **Possible Student Response** *I need to reread pages 24–25 to clarify some of the information. On page 24, the text says white bears blend in with the snow to hide while they hunt. Then, on page 25, I read that black bears blend in with the forest. This must be so they can hide while they hunt too.*

6 Asking Questions Teacher Prompt: *Does anyone want to ask a question?* **Possible Student Response** *I learned that bears use camouflage to hide from what they are hunting. Which animals use camouflage to hide from their enemies?*

Comprehension Check

What is one way animals use camouflage? **Possible Answer** *Animals use camouflage to hide from their enemies.*



Teacher Tip

ITALIC PRINT Explain that authors use italic print to draw attention to words or phrases. Have students explain why the author might have italicized the words *polar bear* on **Student Reader**, Book 2, page 24. **Possible Answer** *because that is what the picture is about*

Differentiating Instruction

English Learner

IF . . . English Learners need additional help understanding the concepts expressed in this selection, **THEN . . .** ask leading questions that can be answered with a nod or with a yes or no response. For example: *Does the polar bear live in the snow? Is the snow white? Is the polar bear white? Does the polar bear look like the snow?*