

Choose the best option for each blank.

Polar bears are in **(1)** _____ of dying out. **(2)** _____ some other endangered animals, it's not hunters that are the problem, it's climate change. Since 1979, the ice cap at the Arctic Circle where polar bears live has **(3)** _____ in size by about 30 per cent. The temperature in the Arctic has slowly been **(4)** _____ and this is **(5)** _____ the sea ice to melt, endangering the polar bears' home.



The polar bears' main **(6)** _____ of food are the different types of seal found in the Arctic. They catch them by waiting next to the air holes the seals have **(7)** _____ in the ice. **(8)** _____ the bears are very strong swimmers, they could never catch seals in the water. This means that the bears **(9)** _____ do rely on the ice to hunt.

Polar bears also need sea ice to travel. They can **(10)** _____ a huge territory and often swim from one part of the ice to another. They have been **(11)** _____ to swim up to 100km, but when there is less ice, they may have to swim further, and this can **(12)** _____ fatal to the bears. A number of bears have drowned in the last few years and scientists believe that it is because they were not able to **(13)** _____ more sea ice before they became too tired and couldn't swim any further.

1	threat	warning	risk	danger
2	Unlike	Compared	Opposite	Different
3	reduced	cut	shortened	lost
4	lifting	rising	gaining	advancing
5	creating	turning	causing	resulting
6	origins	means	materials	sources
7	placed	made	put	set
8	Despite	As	Although	Even
9	properly	surely	fully	really
10	cover	spread	extend	pass
11	experienced	noticed	known	taught
12	happen	come	end	prove
13	reach	land	get	achieve

KEY

Polar bears are in **(1) danger** of dying out. **(2) Unlike** some other endangered animals, it's not hunters that are the problem, it's climate change. Since 1979, the ice cap at the Arctic Circle where polar bears live has **(3) reduced** in size by about 30 per cent. The temperature in the Arctic has slowly been **(4) rising** and this is **(5) causing** the sea ice to melt, endangering the polar bears' home.

The polar bears' main **(6) sources** of food are the different types of seal found in the Arctic. They catch them by waiting next to the air holes the seals have **(7) made** in the ice. **(8) Although** the bears are very strong swimmers, they could never catch seals in the water. This means that the bears **(9) really** do rely on the ice to hunt.

Polar bears also need sea ice to travel. They can **(10) cover** a huge territory and often swim from one part of the ice to another. They have been **(11) known** to swim up to 100km, but when there is less ice, they may have to swim further, and this can **(12) prove** fatal to the bears. A number of bears have drowned in the last few years and scientists believe that it is because they were not able to **(13) reach** more sea ice before they became too tired and couldn't swim any further.