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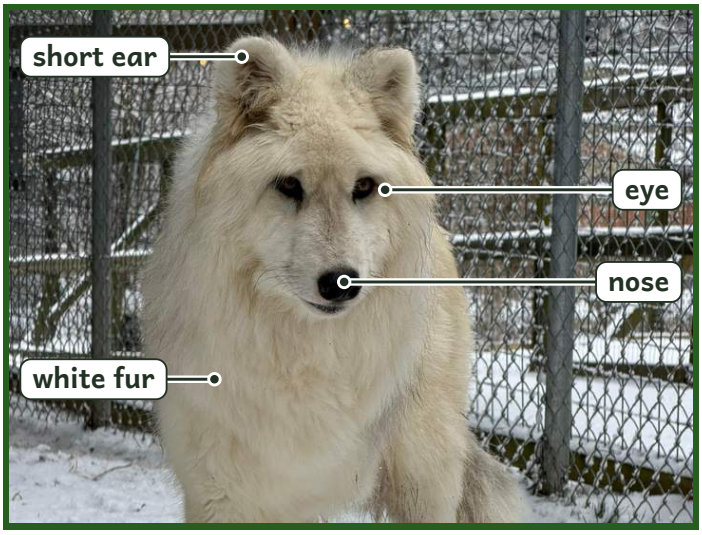
ARCTIC WOLF

Canis lupus arctos

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



An Arctic wolf in the snow at our zoo.

Its body

An Arctic wolf is white.
Its coat stays white all year.
It has 2 coats in 1.
Short ears help it save heat.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in the far north.
The land there is very cold.
Four live at our zoo.
They are Thunder, Luna, Harley and Shadow.



Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It hunts other animals.
It eats Arctic hares and birds.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby wolf is *a* **pup**.
A wolf family is *a* **pack**.
Parents and pups live together.

Fun facts

It has fur between its foot pads.
A pack can travel very far.

Words to know

coat: an animal's fur
pack: a family of wolves
pup: a baby wolf

Talk about it

1. Why are short ears good in the cold?
2. Who lives in a wolf pack?
3. What does an Arctic wolf eat?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/arctic-wolf/ · **Sources:** IUCN Red List; Animal Diversity Web; L. David Mech (USGS); Marquard-Petersen, J. Mammalogy (1998).
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. An Arctic wolf is white all year. **YES** **NO**
2. An Arctic wolf eats only plants. **YES** **NO**
3. A wolf pack is a family. **YES** **NO**
4. Arctic wolves live where it is hot. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ white fur
- ☐ short ears
- ☐ nose
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ paws
- ☐ the pack

What is it doing? Circle one.

walking resting watching

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw an Arctic wolf in the snow with its pack.

Draw here

An Arctic wolf has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular arctic wolf sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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