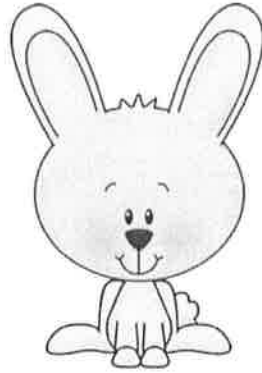
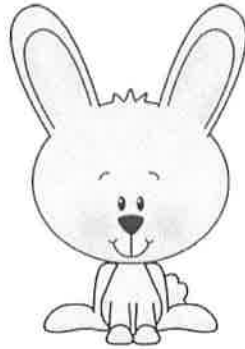


# The Arctic Hare



The Arctic hare, or polar bunny is the largest hare in North America. The Arctic hare lives in northern North America Canada, and close to the tree lines in Greenland. During the summer months, its fur is brownish gray. The hare sheds its summer fur during winter. Their fur changes color during the winter to white except for the black tips on its ears. The white fur helps protect the animal from predators. The Arctic hare digs in the snow with its long claws. The Arctic hare can hop on its legs like a kangaroo. It also has longer and straighter incisors compared to most hares. This helps the animal pull out plants from rocky surfaces.

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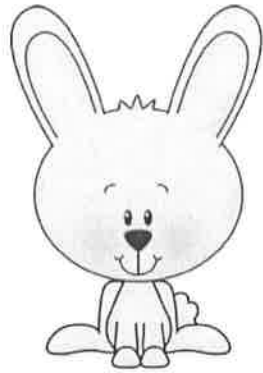


The Arctic hare is very big. It is over a half of a meter when sitting. Instead of a plump body, it has muscles that bulge under their skin. They are about 18 to 25 inches long. They weigh about 12 pounds. The ears of an Arctic hare are longer than their head.

The Arctic hare lives in the tundra. It needs to live in places that have enough cover to let plants grow and where the snow will not get too deep.

The hare eats grass, willow twigs, roots, berries, and other seasonal plants. They also eat leaves from spruce trees and pine trees. The animals even eat the snow.

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When an Arctic hare is born it weighs between 2 to 4 ounces. The baby hares are born with their eyes wide open. They can hop right after birth. Young hares are called leverets. The Arctic hare has many enemies. They include the Arctic Fox, the weasel, the snowy owl, and the lynx. They are often killed by people for food and fur.

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## The Arctic Hare Comprehension Questions

1. Why does an Arctic hares fur turn white?
  - a. For protection
  - b. To look pretty
  - c. None of the above
  - d. All of the above
  
2. Where does the Arctic hare live?
  - a. In the tropics
  - b. In the dessert
  - c. In the tundra
  - d. Near the coast
  
3. How much does the Arctic hare weigh?
  - a. About 2 pounds
  - b. About 12 pounds
  - c. About 20 pounds
  - d. None of the above
  
4. What does the Arctic hare eat?
  - a. Twigs, grass, and roots
  - b. Fish
  - c. Other animals
  - d. None of the above

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## The Arctic hare Comprehension Questions

Read each statement. If the statement is true, write true on the line. If the statement is false write false on the line and make the statement true.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Arctic hare eats other animals.
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The Arctic hare has ears that longer than their head.
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The Arctic hare can not hop after they are born.
  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Arctic hare is a friend to the fox.