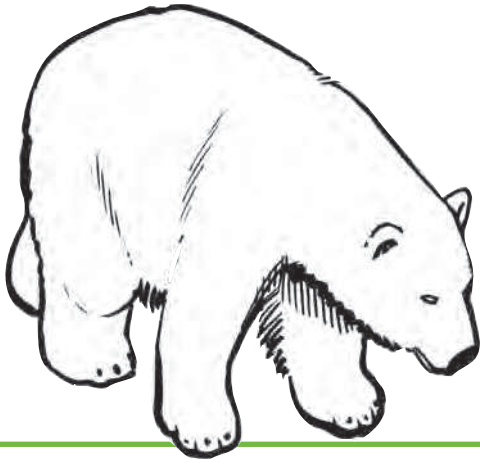


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# Two Big Bears

There are eight main kinds of bears. Read the chart to learn about two of the largest bears. Then answer the questions.



## **POLAR BEAR**

**Status** Vulnerable\* (not endangered, but facing a high risk of extinction)

**Population in the wild** 20,000 to 25,000

**Scientific name** *Ursus maritimus*

**Weight** Up to 1,430 pounds

**Length** Up to 10 feet

**Habitat** Polar regions



## **BROWN BEAR**

**Status** Least concern\*

**Population in the wild** More than 200,000

**Scientific name** *Ursus arctos*

**Weight** 440 to 770 pounds

**Length** 6.5 feet

**Habitats** Forests, polar regions, mountains

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\*According to the IUCN Red List

1. Which bear weighs more? \_\_\_\_\_
2. About how many brown bears are there in the wild? \_\_\_\_\_
3. True or false: Polar bears live in the mountains. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is one thing the bears have in common? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. The status of a type of animal, or species, has to do with its chances of staying alive now and in the near future. What is one thing scientists might look at to decide an animal's status?  
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6. Do you think it is important to protect bears? Answer and explain on the back of this page.