

# Where are the Animals?

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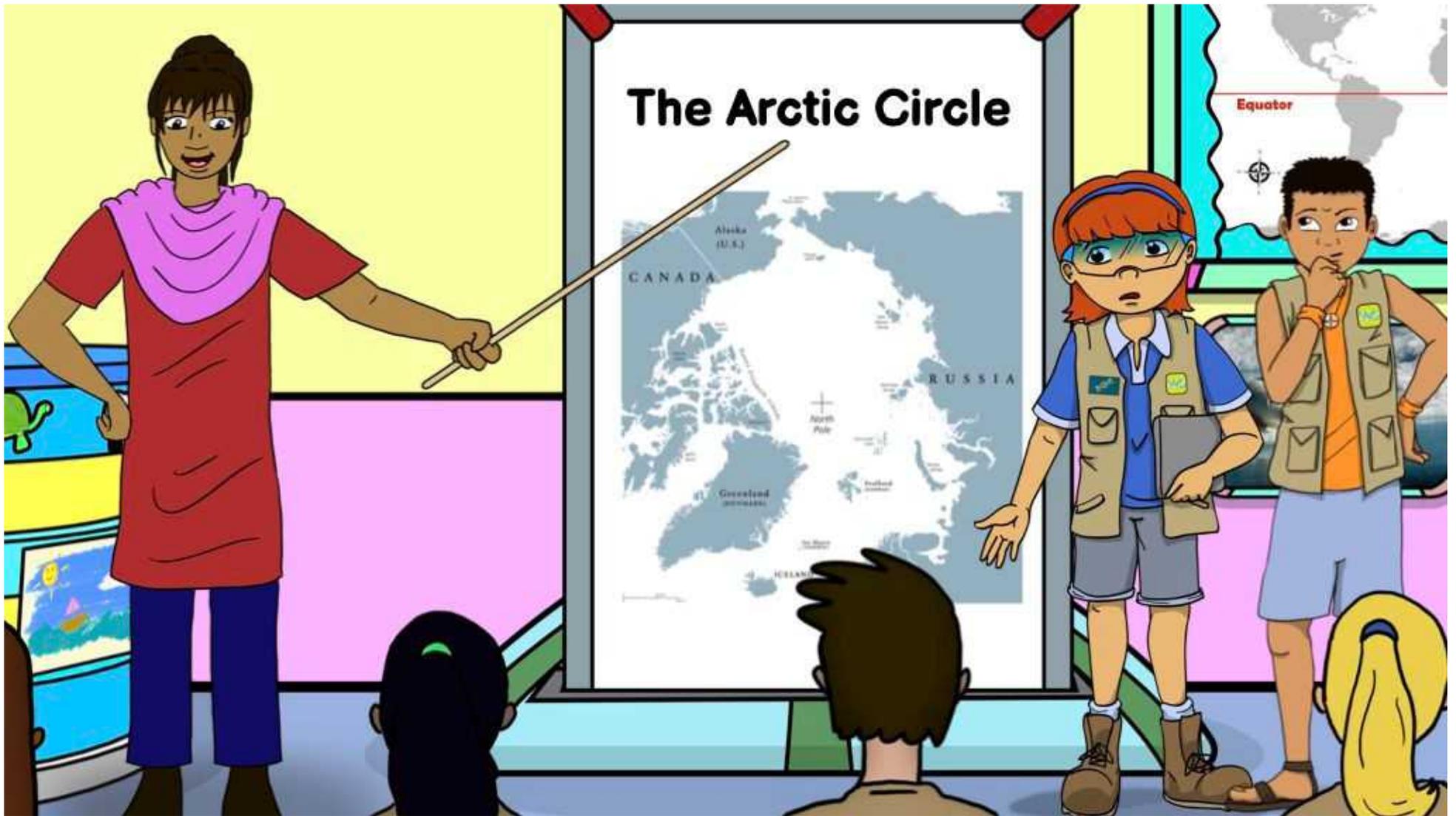
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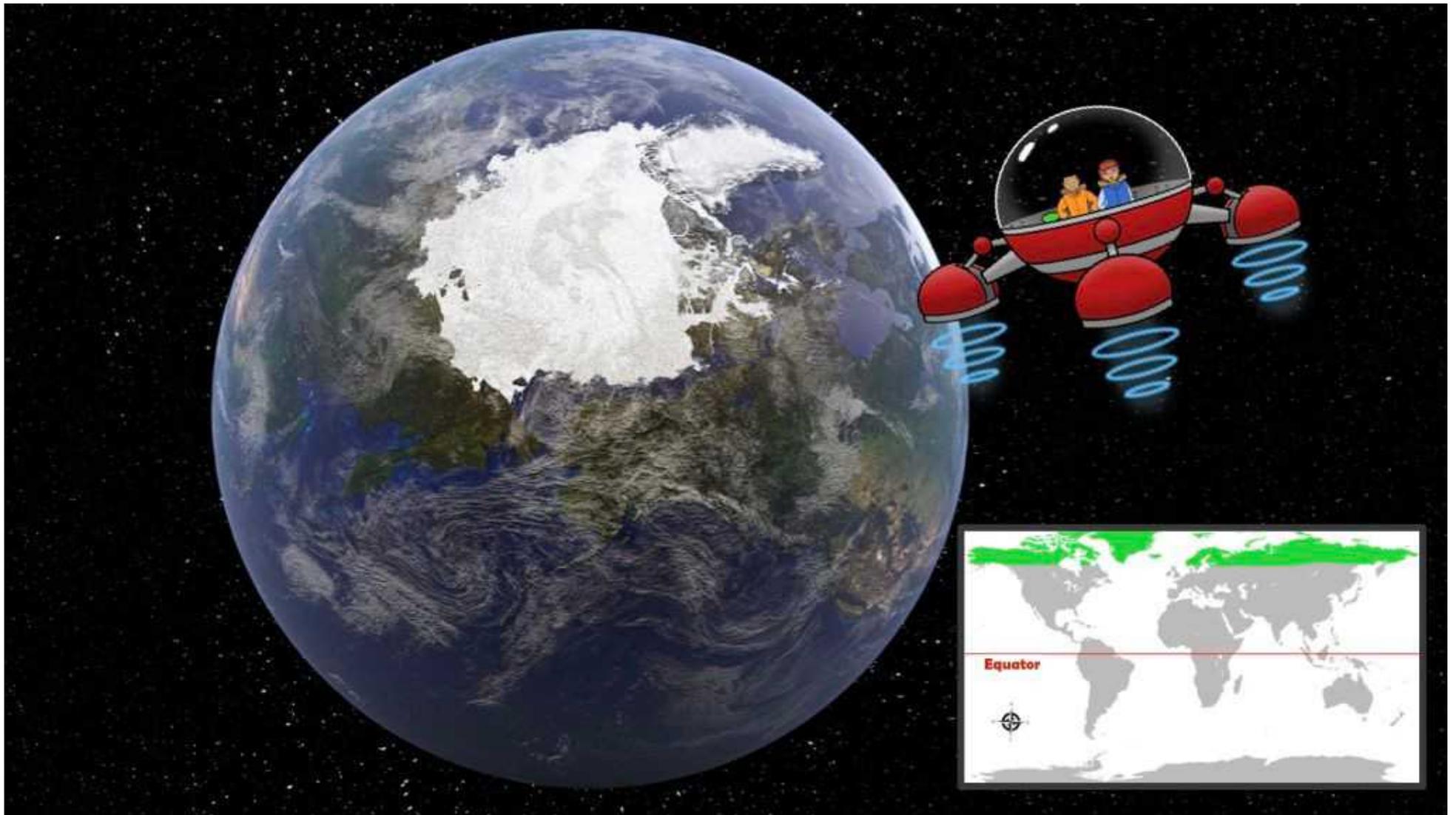
Datz

Peg

Characters:  
Student Conservationists Peg and Datz.



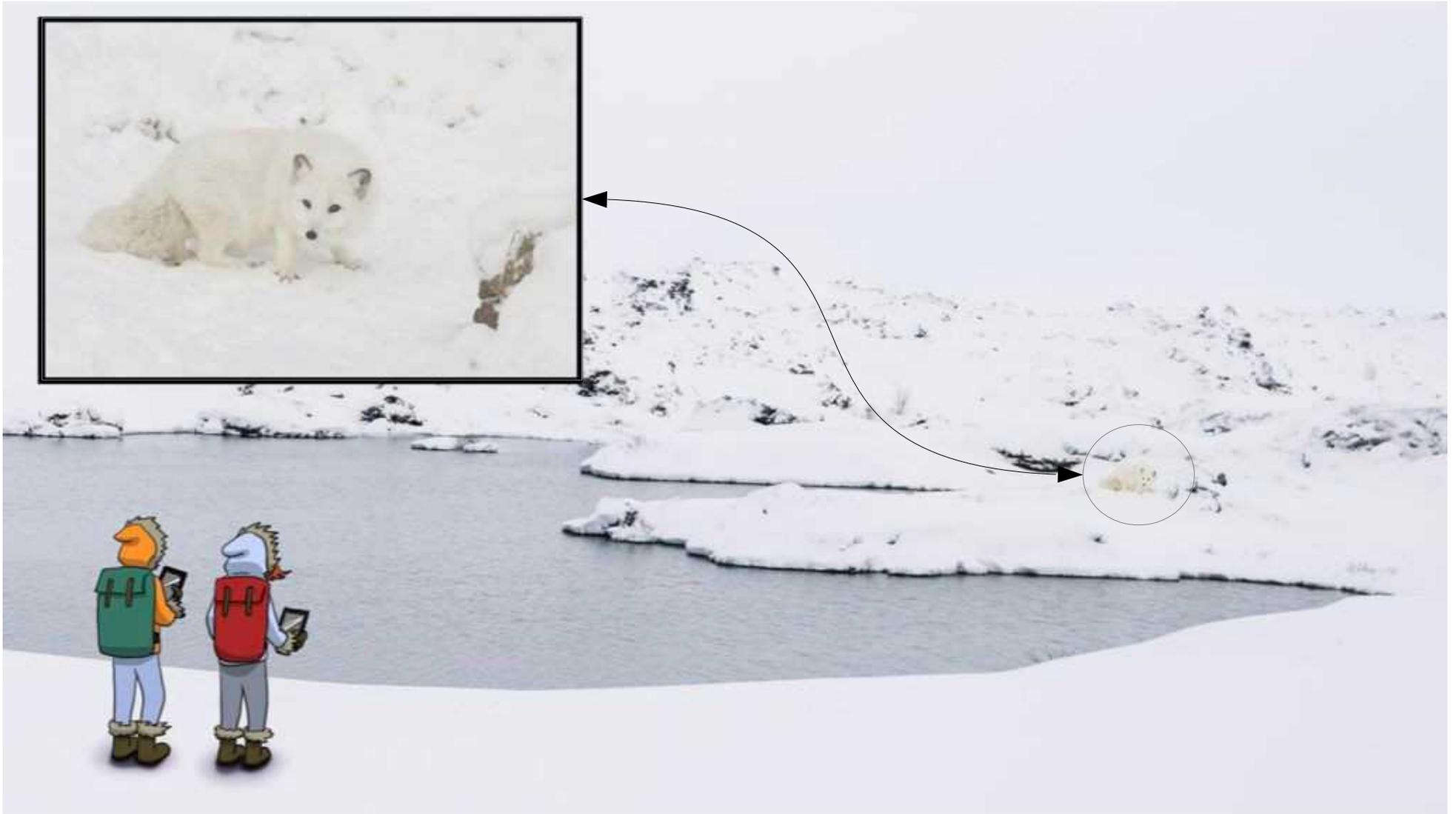
Ms. Lee tells her class about animals in the Arctic Circle.  
There are many animals living in the Arctic.



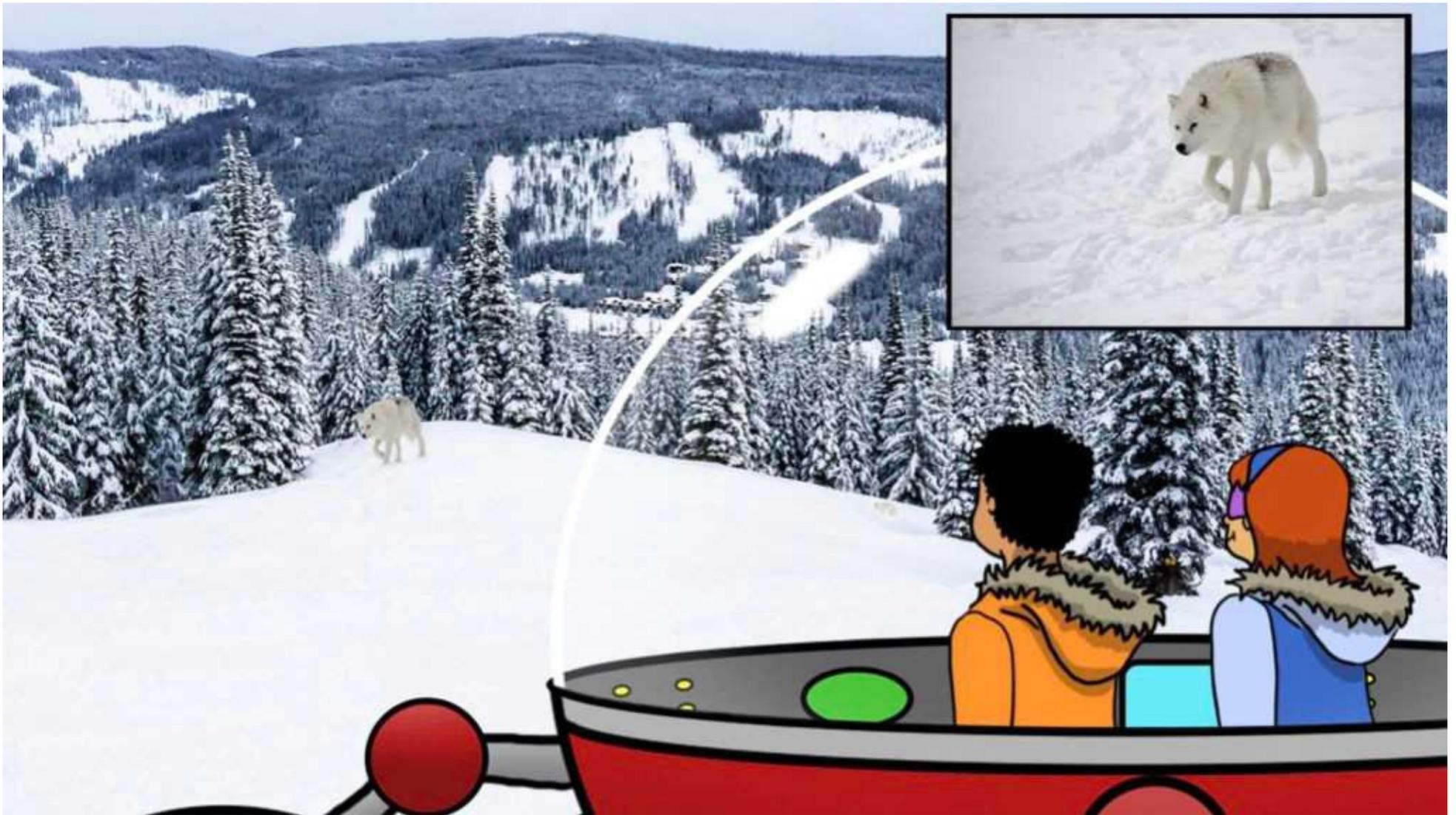
Peg and Datz go to the Arctic Circle.  
They hope to see a polar bear.  
Let's find out what they see there.



Thump, thump, thump. "Look, it's an Arctic hare!" says Peg.  
"Where?" asks Datziz. "Behind the rocks," says Peg.  
"Oh, it looks like snow over dirt," says Datziz.



Next, they hear crunch, crunch, crunch.  
Datiz asks, "What's that far across the pond?"  
Peg says, "It's an Arctic fox."



Datiz and Peg see track marks in the snow. An Arctic wolf comes around the bend. It snarls at them. Datiz says, "The Arctic wolf blends in with the snow on the hill."



At last, Datz and Peg see a polar bear! He is quick to pass Peg and Datz.



"What luck! See the polar bear trot on the firm ice," says Peg. "I think he is in a rush," says Datz.



The polar bear bends down near the icy shore.

Sniff, sniff, sniff.

"Hush, I think he smells a fish," says Peg. Plop, splash...



The polar bear is back in a flash. The polar bear swims back to the block of ice. "I do not think he got a fish," says Datz. "So he must still be hungry," says Peg.

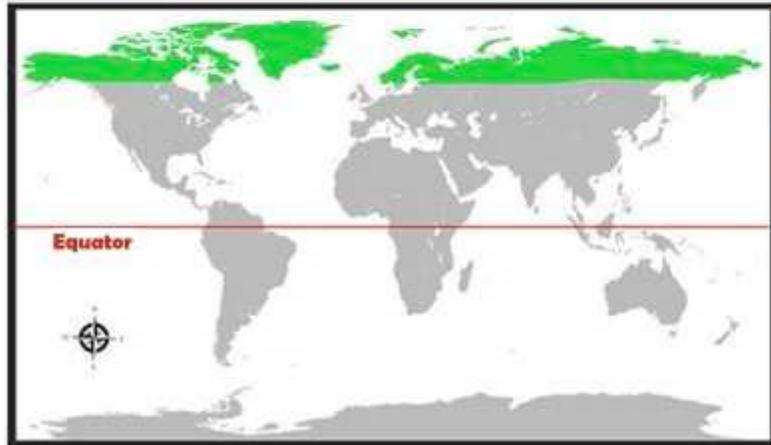


"Look, he's posing for us," says Datiz. "What a great shot," says Peg, "I can't wait to share it with Ms. Lee's class".



Peg and Datz tell the class all about the animals they saw in the Arctic. "The animals' fur blends in with the white snow," says Peg.

# Map of the Arctic Circle



Look where Peg and Datz have been.

# Glossary

## **Arctic Circle** (Page 4)

The top part of the globe, where the sun disappears in the winter and stays all night in the summer.



## **Arctic Fox** (Page 6)

A fox with thick fur that lives in the Arctic. They are brown in the summer and white in the winter.



## **Arctic Hare** (Page 5)

A short-tailed mammal with soft fur and long ears. They dig holes in the ground to live in. They are brown or grey in the summer and white in the winter.



## **Arctic Wolf** (Page 7)

A subspecies of grey wolves living in the Arctic. Also known as the polar wolf or white wolf. Wolves live in packs with other wolves and hunt other animals.



## **Polar Bear** (Pages 8, 9, 10, 11)

A huge white bear that lives in the Arctic and eats sea animals.



## **Global Warming** (Page 14)

An increase in the world's temperatures.

Here are some new terms you can learn.

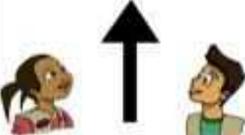
# Arctic Facts

- The name 'Arctic' comes from the Greek word that means 'near the bear'.
- The lowest temperature recorded in the Arctic is around  $-90^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-68^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
- In the winter the Arctic Ocean has a sheet of thick ice covering it. A person could walk from North America to Asia across the ice without getting wet.
- In the summer the ice sheet melts, creating large blocks of ice floating in the water.
- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world.
- Polar bears have black skin underneath their white fur.



Here are some facts about the Arctic..

# Decodable Word Chart

Long /e/	Short /i/	Short /e/	Short /a/	Short /u/	Short /o/	Schwa /ə/
						
Lee	hill	tells	class	thump	top	the
see	sniff	next	asks	crunch	rocks	across
sea	fish	bend	track	luck	pond	
bear	swims	blends	pass	rush	fox	
near		bends	splash	hush	trot	
		smells	back	must	plop	
		tell	flash		block	



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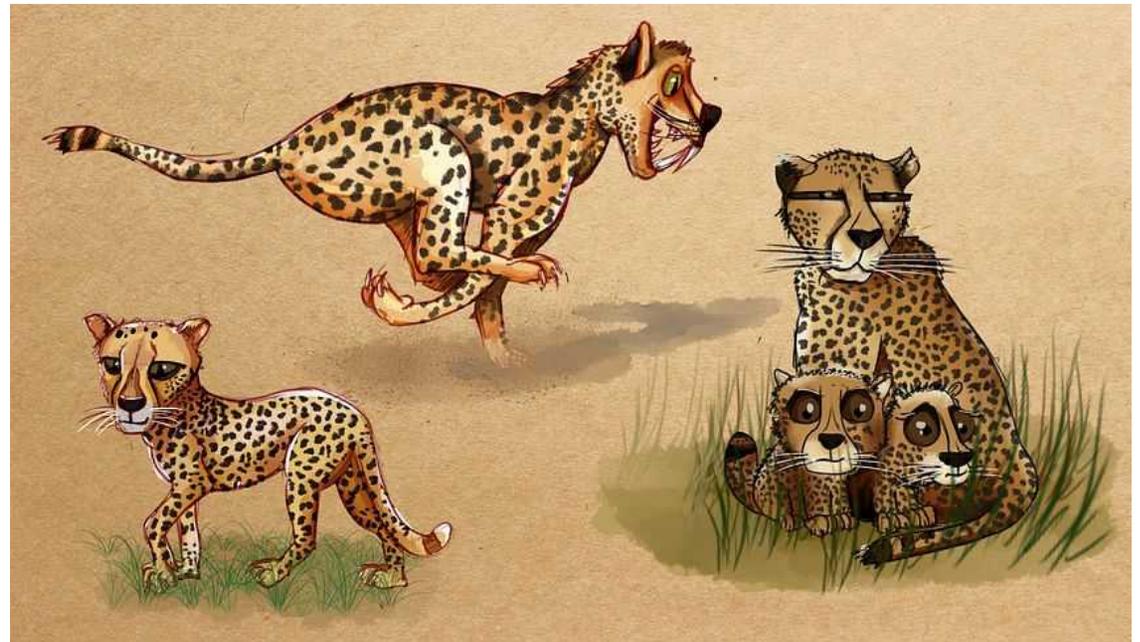
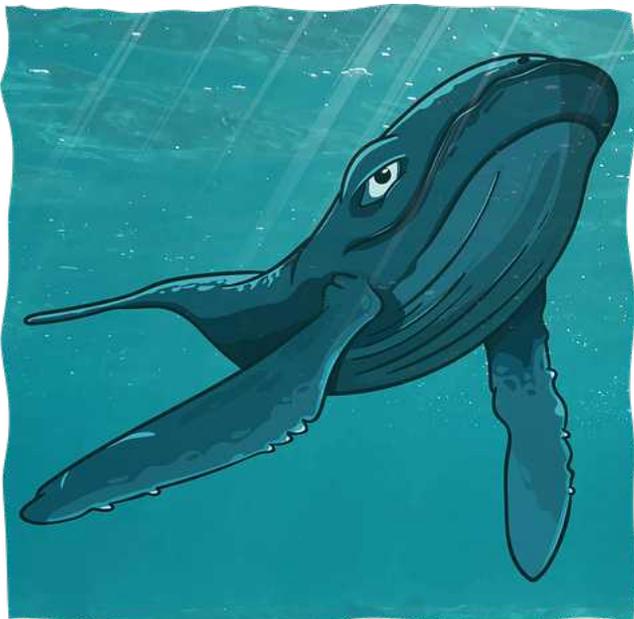
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