

A photograph of two arctic foxes in a snowy, bright environment. One fox is in the foreground, walking towards the left, and another is in the background, looking towards the right. The foxes have thick, white fur with some tan or brown patches on their heads and legs.

ALL ABOUT ARCTIC FOXES

Pounce, prance, and explore the snowy world of these clever foxes!

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MEET THE ARCTIC FOXES!

Yip, yip! A small white fox trots across the snow—it's an **Arctic fox**! Arctic foxes live in very cold places where the ground can be icy and the wind can be strong. These clever animals are quick, quiet, and great at surviving in the **Arctic**.





WHAT ARCTIC FOXES ARE LIKE

Arctic foxes have small ears, a pointy nose, and a **bushy** tail. Their thick fur keeps them warm. In winter, many Arctic foxes look white to blend in with snow. In summer, their fur can turn brown or gray to match the rocks and dirt.



WHERE ARCTIC FOXES LIVE

Arctic foxes live in the **Arctic**, near the North Pole. They live in cold places like snowy **tundra**, where there are very few trees. Arctic foxes make their homes in underground spaces called **dens**. A den helps keep them safe from the freezing wind and snow.

FROM PUP TO ADULT

An Arctic fox's life begins as a **pup**. Pups are born in the den and stay warm and safe with their family. They drink milk from their mother and grow quickly. As pups get bigger, they begin exploring outside the den and learning how to find food. Over time, pups grow into adult Arctic foxes.



WHAT ARCTIC FOXES EAT

Arctic foxes are **omnivores**, which means they eat both plants and animals. They eat small animals like **lemmings**, birds, eggs, and insects. They may also eat berries when they can find them. Arctic foxes are great hunters and can **pounce** through snow to catch food.



HOW ARCTIC FOXES STAY WARM

Arctic foxes stay warm with their thick fur. Their fur covers their bodies, legs, and even the bottoms of their feet like fluffy boots! Their bushy tail can wrap around their body like a blanket. Arctic foxes also curl up in their dens to stay cozy during storms.





INSIDE AN ARCTIC FOX FAMILY

Arctic foxes live in family groups. Parents work together to care for their pups. They bring food back to the den and keep pups safe. When pups grow older, they play, **wrestle**, and learn important skills for life in the Arctic.



KEEPING SAFE

Arctic foxes stay safe by blending into their surroundings. Their fur helps them hide in snow or rocks. They also listen carefully for danger and run quickly when needed. Staying near their den helps them have a safe place to return to.

A close-up photograph of a white Arctic fox sitting in a snowy environment. The fox is looking directly at the camera with dark eyes and a black nose. Its fur is thick and white, contrasting with the dark background. A semi-transparent white box with a blue header is overlaid on the right side of the image.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Arctic foxes have fur on the bottoms of their feet.
- Their fur can change color with the seasons.
- Arctic foxes live in one of the coldest places on Earth.

QUESTION TIME!

1. (True or False) Arctic foxes have thick, fluffy fur.
2. (True or False) Arctic foxes live in hot deserts.
3. (True or False) Baby Arctic foxes are called pups.
4. (Fact or Opinion) Arctic foxes are omnivores.
5. (Fact or Opinion) Arctic foxes are the cutest foxes.
6. Where do Arctic foxes live?
7. What is an Arctic fox's home called?
8. What do Arctic foxes eat?
9. How do Arctic foxes stay warm?
10. Why does an Arctic fox's fur change color?



ANSWERS

1. True. Arctic foxes have thick, fluffy fur to help keep them warm.
2. False. Arctic foxes live in the Arctic.
3. True. Baby Arctic foxes are called pups.
4. Fact. Arctic foxes really are omnivores.
5. Opinion. "Cutest foxes" is a personal idea.
6. They live in the Arctic near the North Pole.
7. Their home is called a den.
8. They eat small animals, birds, eggs, and berries.
9. They stay warm with thick fur and a bushy tail.
10. It helps them blend in during winter and summer.



GLOSSARY

Arctic - a very cold place near the North Pole

Arctic fox - a small fox that lives in the cold Arctic and has thick fur

Bushy - thick and fluffy (like a fox's tail)

Den - a safe home in the ground where an animal rests

Lemming - a small furry animal that Arctic foxes hunt for food

Omnivore - an animal that eats both plants and animals

Pounce - to jump quickly onto something

Pup - a baby fox

Tundra - cold, open land with very few trees

Wrestle - to play by gently pushing and rolling around with each other



FUN WITH ARCTIC FOXES

Q: Why are Arctic foxes so good at keeping secrets?

A: They don't fur-get!