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## Icy Connections Answer Key

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| 1. Arctic Ocean | 5. beluga whale |
| 2. polar bear   | 6. ice floe     |
| 3. sea ice      | 7. blubber      |
| 4. walrus       | 8. plankton     |

### Teacher's Guide

- Strengthen vocabulary related to the Arctic Ocean.
- Improve comprehension through context clues.
- Support grade 3 to 5 students in recognizing key science and geography terms.

### Differentiation Tips

- For students needing help, read each sentence aloud and pause to discuss clues.
- Offer picture cards for visual learners to match terms before completing the blanks.
- Challenge advanced students to create two new sentences using unused words or new Arctic vocabulary.

### Engagement Ideas

- Begin with a quick warm-up asking students what they imagine the Arctic looks like.
- Let students work with partners to discuss sentence clues before choosing their answers.
- Show a map or globe and ask students to locate the Arctic region.

### Extension Activities

- Students write a short paragraph describing a day in the Arctic using at least three words from the word bank.
- Add an art connection where students draw one Arctic animal and label its adaptations.
- Have students research a real Arctic explorer and share one interesting fact.