


241. Please explain how you survive the winter...

Posters and mat. Put the large A4 sheets together to make a large poster or use them for shared reading . Children can have their own A4 copy.

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 <p>So, Arctic hare, please explain to me how you survive the winter.</p>	<h3>How I survive the winter by Arctic Hare</h3> <p>I live in the Arctic where it's cold most of the time but in the winter it's very, very cold. Often the temperature drops as low as -40°C.</p>	<p>I grow another layer of fur in the winter so that I have two layers of thick fur to keep me warm. I have a thick fur underneath and a long silky fur on top. These two layers keep me warm all through the long, cold winter and when it's really cold, I dig a shelter in the snow and huddle close to my friends to keep warm.</p> <p>In the summer I lose my winter coat and then I'm a greyish brown colour but, as soon as winter returns, my fur turns snowy white. In winter its snowy white colour is important because it means I'm camouflaged against the snow and ice. Then it's harder for my enemies to see me.</p>
<p>Sometimes hundreds of us huddle together for warmth but we are always on the lookout for danger. If a hungry wolf or Arctic fox surprises us we scatter in all different directions to confuse our enemy so that we can escape. While some of us are resting or eating, others will stand guard and keep a look out for enemies. Most of the time our snowy white coats make us almost invisible against the snow and ice so, if our sharp eyes see predators, we freeze and stay very still. It's hard for us to be seen against the snow so we always wait until we've been spotted before we try to run for safety. Then we can move very fast!</p>	<p>Food can be scarce where I live especially in the winter months, but I know how to survive by eating woody plants, mosses and lichens. I have a very good sense of smell and that means I can smell my food even through thick snow and ice. When I find buried food, I use my big feet to dig through the snow. If the snow or ice is very hard I keep thumping on the ground with my feet until the snow or ice becomes soft enough for me to dig down to get food.</p> <p>It's not easy living in the Arctic but Arctic hares are quite clever little animals and we have lots of tricks to help us survive!</p>	



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It can be very windy with snowstorms that are so bad it's hard to see. Also, there's not much food in winter so it's very important that I know how to survive the cold Arctic winter weather.