

# Polar bear

## **Why are there so many types of animals in the jungle and so few at the poles?**

There can only be a small number of animals there because there is little sunlight, few plants and not much food. If instead of the polar bears there were 57 different varieties of animal, there would be so few of each that they would have difficulty in finding mates, and the smallest run of bad luck would wipe a species out.

At the poles, there is a very small number of environments for animals to live in--on snow, in snow, on bare rock, at the coastline, on ice and in the ocean.

Jungles, with their many layers of plant life, provide an almost limitless number of habitats for animals. With the wide diversity of available food and living accommodation, diversity among the young is promoted.