Walruses have long tusks and a prominent mustache. These large marine mammals are found near the Arctic Circle. They are extremely social and snort and bellow loudly at their companions.

Walruses have wrinkled brown and pink skin, long, coarse whiskers, flat flippers, and lots of blubber on their bodies to keep them warm in the cold Arctic water. They can slow down their heartbeat to withstand the chilly water temperatures and to help them stay under water for as long as ten minutes.

Their long tusks are useful in many ways. They use them to pull their enormous bodies out of frigid waters, and seem to walk on their tusks. They also use their tusks to break breathing holes into ice from below.

Walruses use their whiskers to find shellfish on the bottom of the ocean.

Star Words
Arctic Circle
blubber
social
tusks
whiskers

1. Walruses stay warm by having ________________________________

2. They live _________________________________________________

3. How do their whiskers help them? ____________
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4. How do their tusks help them? ____________
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** Color the walruses above.

** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.