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Subject: EAP 0300 Speech Level 3
Topic: Polar Bears & Climate Change
Time: 75 minutes

I. Goal: To explore and increase awareness of the devastating effects of man-made climate change on Polar bears and the environment.

II. Instructional Objectives: Students will:

1. develop an understanding of the impact of human activities in the habitat of Polar bears
2. identify the forces that are threatening the survival of Polar bears
3. describe the daily activities of Polar bears
4. explain the efforts of the Yorkshire Wildlife Foundation, and various organizations to protect the extinction of Polar bears

III. Activities:

1. Students will watch a ten-minute video: "Polar Bears & Climate Change" on You Tube and take notes.
2. Students will work in groups, share their notes, and participate in a discussion about the film.
3. Each group will make a five minute presentation on the human impact to the environment of the Polar bear and what they think can be done to help preserve its habitat.
4. Students will discuss the following concepts: global warming, endangered species, and sustainability.
5. The instructor will write the new vocabulary on the board and ask the students to define them in their own words.

IV. Assessment: Students will answer the following questions:

1. What is global warming?
2. Why are Polar bears an endangered species?
3. What can we do to protect Polar bears in the wild?
4. What has the government done to promote global sustainability?
5. Which organizations are involved in protecting the Polar bear?

V. Homework:

1. Ask students to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation Web Page: www.YWPFoundation.com and sign the pledge to the 18 C or below campaign.
2. Ask students to write a short paragraph about what they learned from watching the film and in the lesson.