

How Does a Walrus Stay Warm?

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shirt	walrus	inches
blubber	thing	walruses
heat	layer	live
cold	keep	dive
inch	inside	long-sleeved
fits	deep	layers

Directions: Fill in each blank with the word that best completes the reading comprehension.

What do you wear when it is cold? Do you put on a (1) _____
(2) _____ ? How about a jacket? When we are
(3) _____ we put on layers of warm clothes. But what does a walrus
do when the weather is cold? How does it stay warm? Walruses
(4) _____ in the icy Arctic. They cannot put on a coat to stay warm,
but they can use (5) _____ -- layers of blubber! A walrus's hide is
about one (6) _____ thick. Tucked underneath this tough skin is a
(7) _____ of blubber. This layer of fat is from three to six (8) _____ thick. Just
like our layers of clothes, a walrus's layer of blubber helps it stay warm. Walruses (9) _____
(10) _____ into the icy Arctic to look for food. When they dive, their warm blood moves deep down
(11) _____ their body. Their blubber then traps the (12) _____. This helps to
(13) _____ the (14) _____'s body a warm and toasty 99 degrees Fahrenheit. It's
a good (15) _____ that (16) _____ have (17) _____ to
keep them warm. It would be pretty hard for them to put on a coat. But since they can weigh more than two tons, it would be even
harder to find a coat that (18) _____ !

