

LESSON 3
Student Sheet C



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Issue Analysis Worksheet

Directions



People have different ideas and beliefs about whether ecotourism should be allowed. The position statements below list some of those ideas and beliefs. Add other ideas that you may have. Cut out the statements. Decide who might make the statement and put the paper strip in the box you choose. Discuss why you put the statement in the box. Talk about what you think the person believes and values when it comes to this issue.

Players

Positions

Polar Bears International	
Scientist	
Scientist	
Tourist - Adult	
Tourist - Child	
Mayor of Churchill	
Resident who owns or works with a hotel, restaurant or tour company	
Resident	
Resident	
Other	



Position Statements

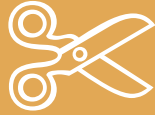


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Polar bears are beautiful and interesting. I traveled all the way from California to see them!

Polar bears are considered to be a threatened species. The laws should be changed to stop tourists from bothering the bears.

I always wanted to come to the wild Arctic and see these majestic bears!

The bears bring money to our community and create jobs for the people who live here.

If the mayor and town council vote to allow tourists to come here, I'm not voting for any of them!

The polar bears have been very important to the aboriginal people for thousands of years.

When too many people visit, they may damage the environment and upset bears.

Those bears have made Churchill the "Polar Bear Capital of the World"!

All those people will probably scare all the polar bears away.

If tourists come to Churchill, they will learn more about polar bears. If people know more about the bears, they will tell other people. This will help to protect the polar bears and encourage people to donate money so scientists can study ways to help them.

If the mayor and town council don't vote to allow tourists to come here, I'm not voting for any of them!

When bears get too hungry, they come into town to get into the garbage. I'm afraid one will attack me or my children! That has happened before we had the Polar Bear Alert program.

We can learn a lot about nature by studying the bears.

I like to spend my Saturdays watching the polar bears play.

Too much garbage attracts bears!

Humans have a responsibility to protect all living things!

I want to learn more about climate change and how that might affect the polar bears.

We invented the Tundra Buggy® to safely take tourists out to see the bears.

I am studying the effect that sound has on the polar bears to see if ecotourism is upsetting the polar bears or not.