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Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) live in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas off the coasts of Alaska and Russia. They spend two-thirds of their life in the water and the rest on floating ice or land. They depend on sea ice as a platform for feeding and resting.

Walrus have many adaptations to survive in Arctic habitats. They have a thick layer of blubber (fat) under their skin to keep them warm and provide energy, and their skin is up to 4 inches (10 cm) thick to protect them from injuries and predators. They also have 400 to 700 teeth.

*Note: Templates are sized for a 9-inch (23 cm) paper plate. Adjust sizes as needed.*

