

**The Arctic region**

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean of the world. It covers the 13 \_\_\_\_\_ polar region of the Earth. The Arctic region is a very cold place. The lowest 14 \_\_\_\_\_ temperature there is minus 68 degrees. In spite of the cold, a lot of animals live on the Arctic ice. The polar bear is one of them. Now, due to global warming, the polar bear is in a 15 \_\_\_\_\_ trouble. The thing is that polar bears 16 \_\_\_\_\_ seals and they need ice to do this. The bears wait for seals on the ice, hunt them in the water and go back to the shore. If the ice is too thin, it 17 \_\_\_\_\_ under the bears' heavy bodies and they may drown. The situation is getting 18 \_\_\_\_\_ and some researchers say the ocean may become ice-free as soon as 2050.

Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски 13–18 словами, напечатанными в правой колонке под цифрами 1–8. Каждое из этих слов может быть использовано только один раз. В ответе укажите цифры, под которыми значатся выбранные Вами слова. Два слова в этом списке 1–8 лишние.

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- 1) serious
- 2) northern
- 3) appeared
- 4) worse
- 5) recorded
- 6) tried
- 7) breaks
- 8) hunt