

Wild ABOUT Walruses

Roly-poly, with a toothy grin, walruses are the lovable lugs of the ice and snow.



It's freezing cold where walruses live. **Brrrrr!**

Walruses live in the areas shown in purple.

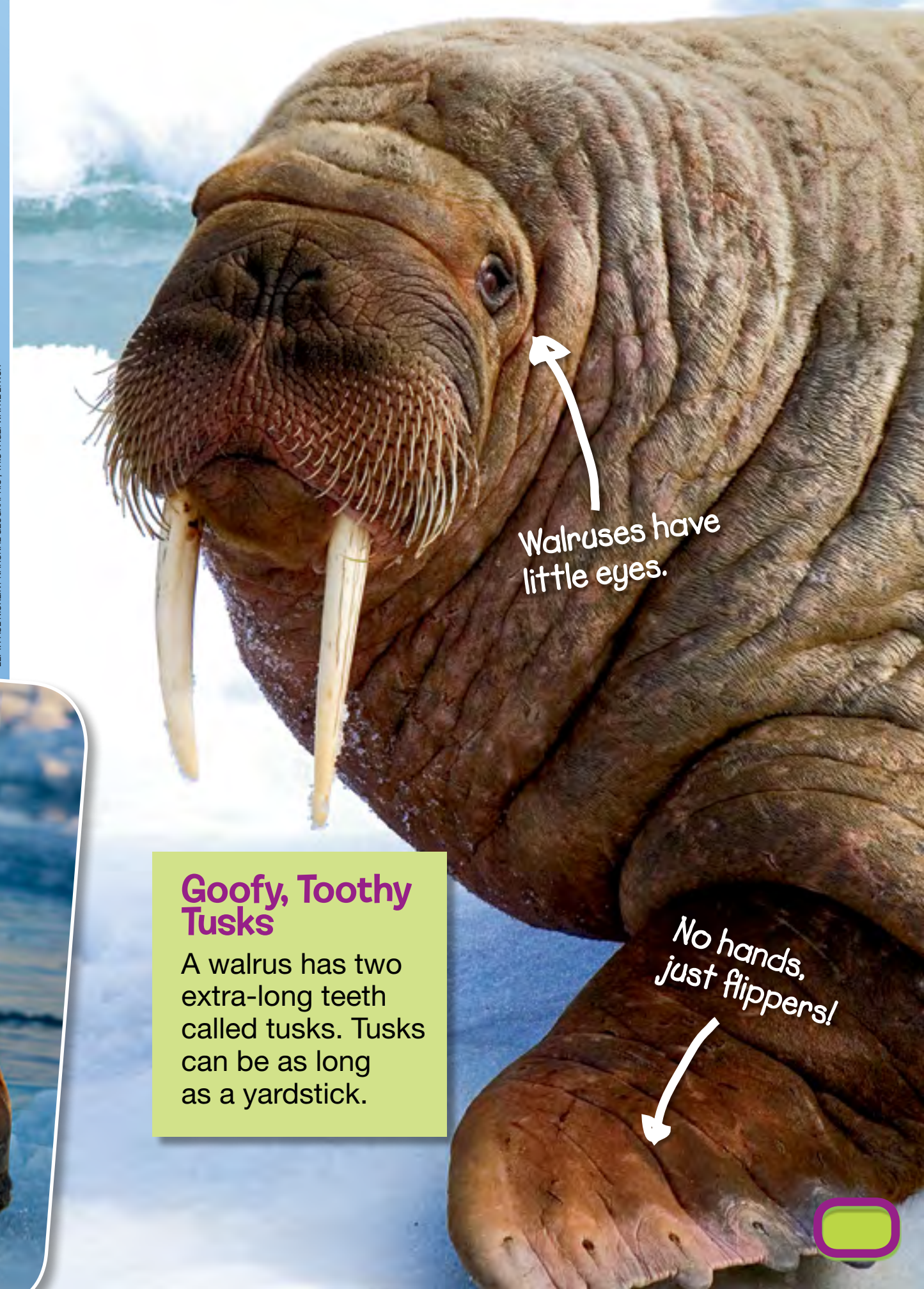
Blanket of Blubber

A walrus has a thick layer of fat called blubber under its skin. The blubber keeps the animal warm.

A walrus can weigh as much as a small car.



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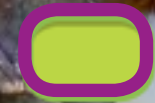


Walruses have little eyes.

Goofy, Toothy Tusks

A walrus has two extra-long teeth called tusks. Tusks can be as long as a yardstick.

No hands, just flippers!



All walrus
have bristly
mustaches.

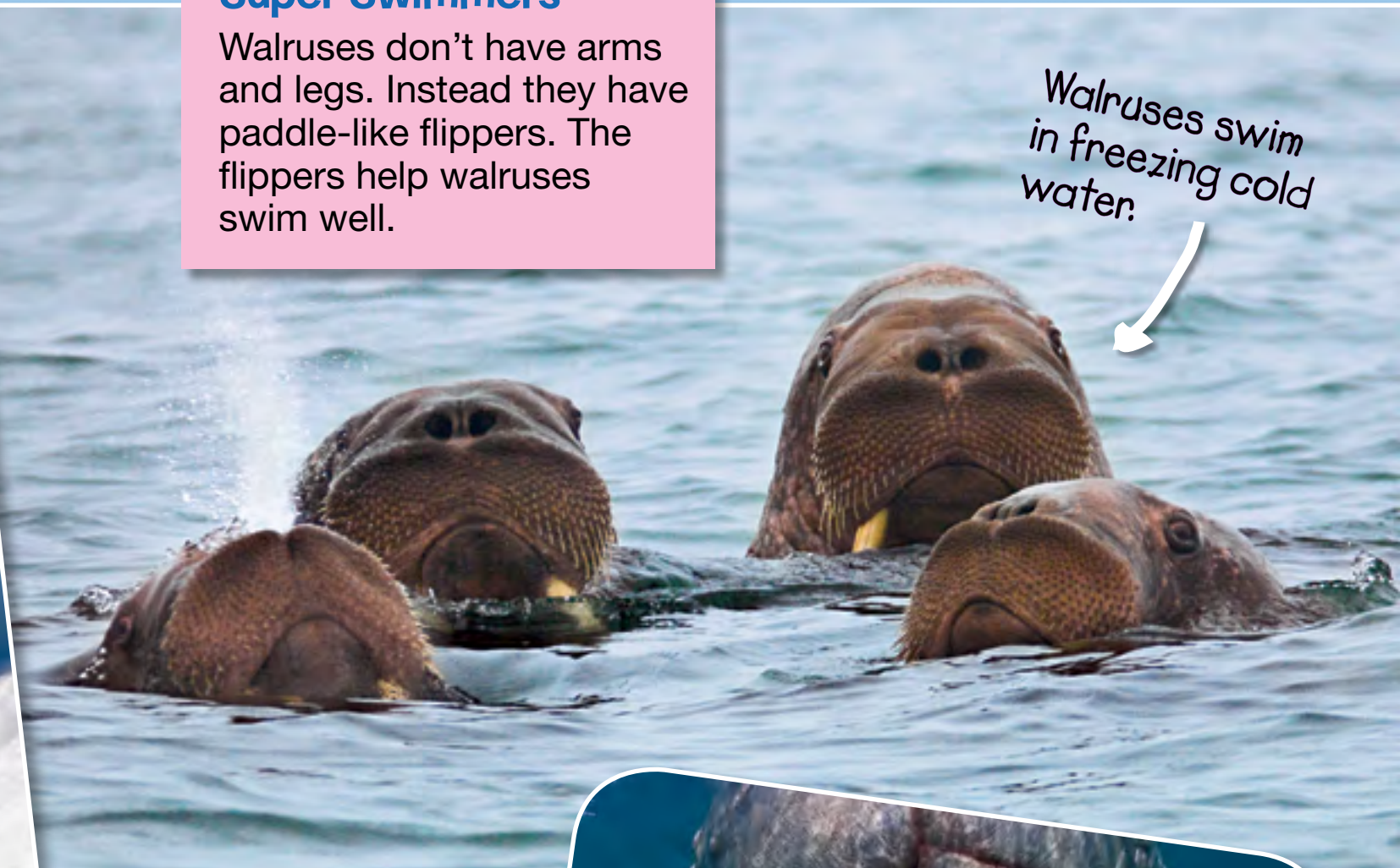


Handy Hardware

Having tusks can be helpful. A walrus uses its tusks to pull itself up out of the water.

Super Swimmers

Walrus don't have arms and legs. Instead they have paddle-like flippers. The flippers help walrus swim well.

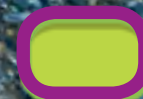


Walrus swim
in freezing cold
water.

Fabulous Feelers

A walrus uses its bristly mustache to "feel" for clams on the ocean floor. Clams are a walrus's favorite food.

Clams bury
themselves
in the sand.



Walrus Party

When they aren't looking for food, walrus come ashore and rest in large groups.

Walrus love to hang out together.

Walrus usually have one baby at a time.



Growing Up Walrus

A walrus calf lives with its mom for two years. During that time, the calf learns how to live in the ice and snow.

Walrus grunt, groan, bellow, and bark.

