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Compare and Contrast Matrix

Feature	Mammal #1 Polar Bear	Mammal #2 Elephant	What do you notice?
Habitat Where does it live?	Lives in the Arctic, mostly on sea ice and coastal areas	Lives in warm climates like savannas, forests, and grasslands in Africa and Asia	They live in very different climates; one cold and icy, the other warm and sunny
Body Features What does it look like?	Thick white fur, black skin underneath, large paws for walking on ice, sharp claws	Gray, wrinkled skin, large ears, long trunk, tusks	They look very different; one has fur, the other has bare skin; Both are large mammals
Survival Adaptations How does it protect itself or survive?	Thick blubber to stay warm, fur for camouflage , strong swimmer, sharp claws for hunting	Tough skin for protection, tusks for defense , large size scares predators, trunk for grabbing food and water	Both have physical features that help them survive in their environments
Movement or Behavior How does it act?	Swims long distances to find seals; solitary hunters	Travels in herds; use trunks to care for young and get food	One is mostly alone, the other lives in groups; Both are smart and can travel far for food
Diet What does it eat?	Carnivore → mainly seals	Herbivore → grasses, leaves, bark, and fruit	They eat very different foods; one eats meat, the other plants