

Bears





There are lots of different kinds of bears.



Bears can be big or small
and they come in many
colors.



Bears live in the mountains, in the forest and even in the snow.



Most bears are omnivores which means they eat plants and meat or fish.



Panda bears
only eat
bamboo, and
they eat for
up to fifteen
hours every
day!



Left: Baby black bear, 1 day old

Top: Two baby panda bears, 1 day old

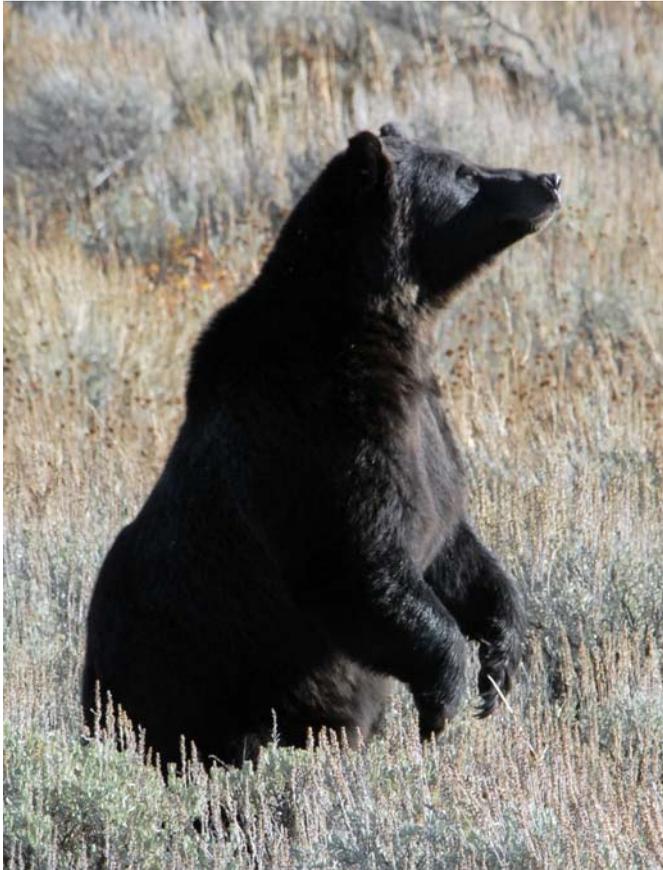
Baby bears are very small when they are born.



Baby bears stay with their mothers until they are a year and a half old.



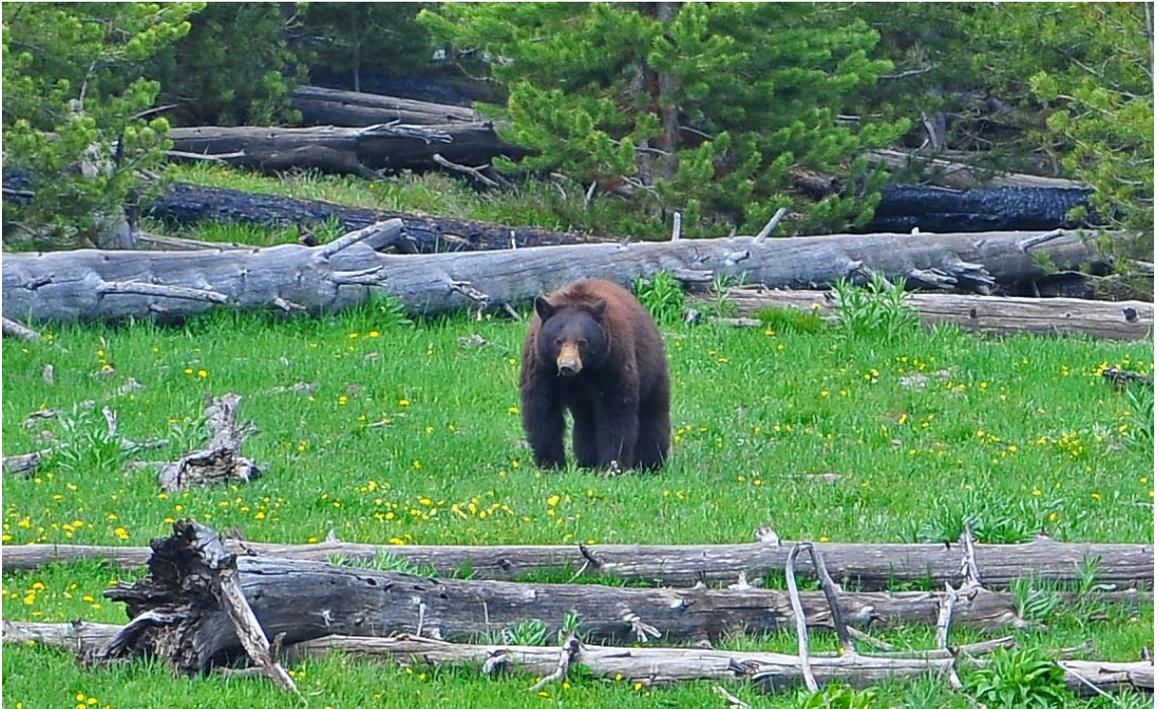
Bears are good swimmers and they can climb trees too.



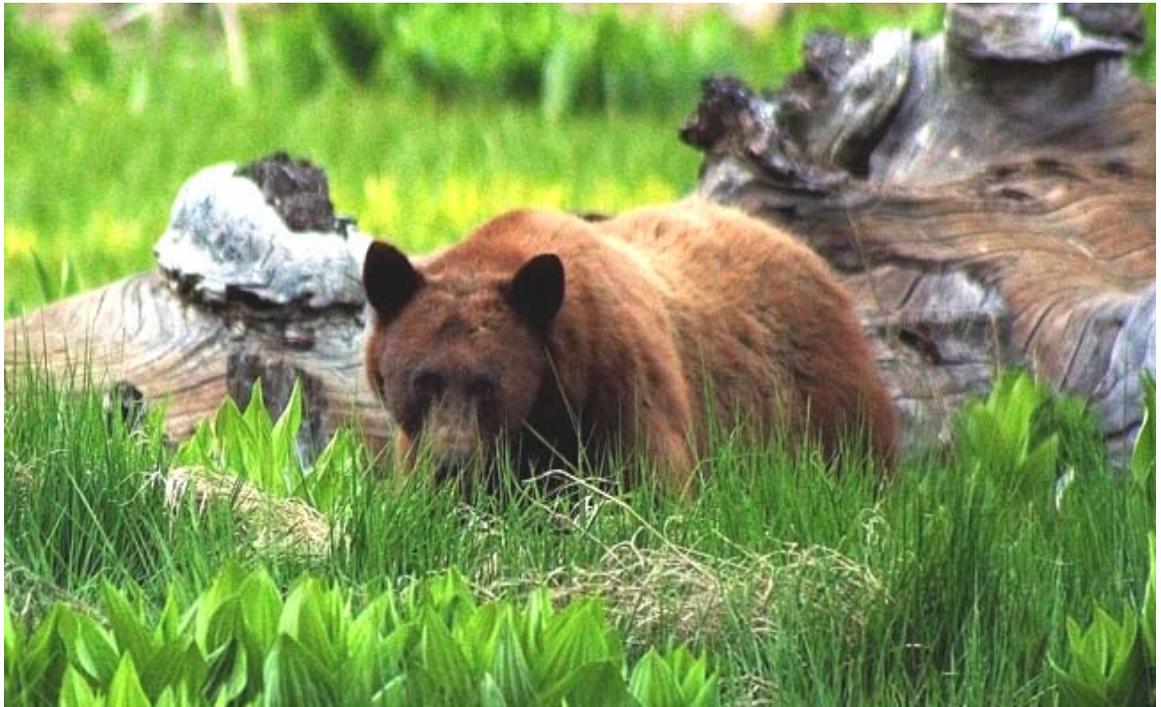
Bears can stand up on their back legs to look around if they hear or smell something.



Most people only see a bear if they go to the zoo.



But if you go camping or hiking in the woods, you might see a bear.



Then you hope the bear doesn't see you!

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Guided Reading: F
Grade Level: 1.5

Set 3 – Advanced 1st

Word Count: 147
Reading Recovery: 10

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