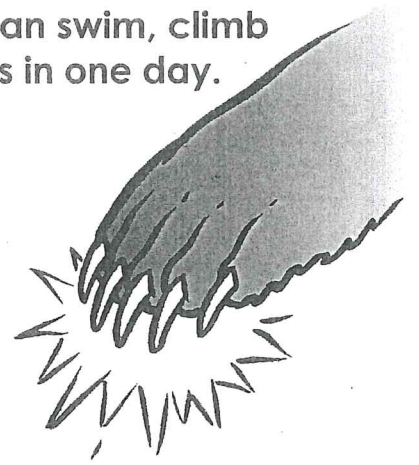


The Bear Necessities

Bears are some of nature's most amazing creatures. They can swim, climb and run at surprisingly high speeds and travel great distances in one day.

All Purpose Tools

Bears use their five long, curved claws for climbing or marking trees, *excavating dens, digging for food, ripping apart *prey, scratching or defending themselves.

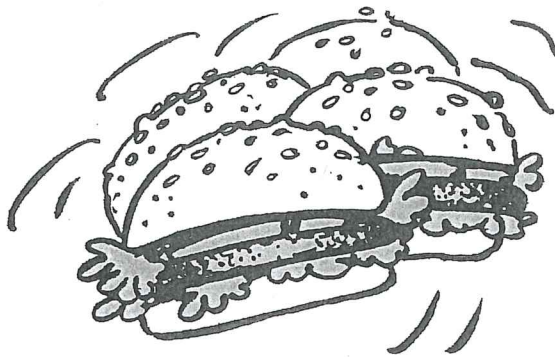


Eye See

A bear's eyes are as good as a human's, but they are fairly nearsighted. This helps them focus on small things like berries and insects.

The Nose Knows Food

Bears have an excellent sense of smell. It is much better than yours! A bear's nose can pick up the smell of food from many kilometres away. It can even smell the trail of an animal that passed by several hours earlier!



Smarter than the Average Bear?

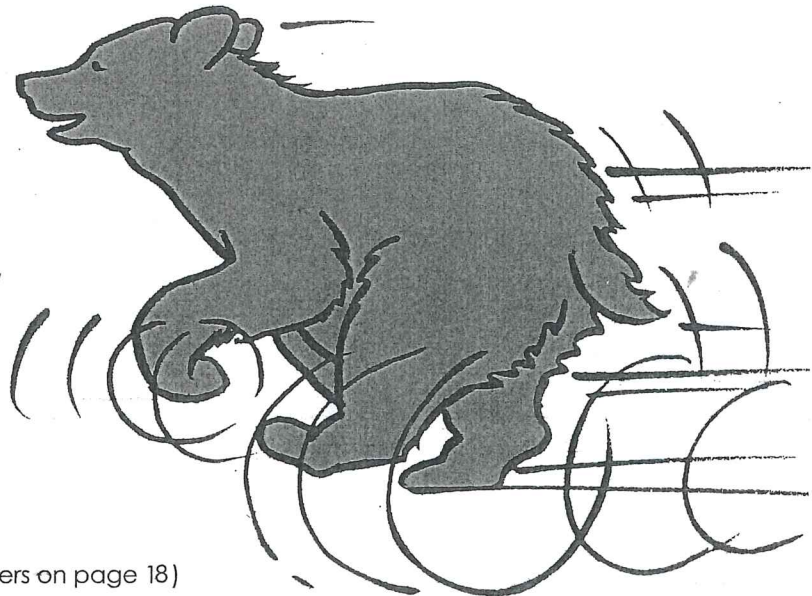
Bears are super smart! They never get lost in the woods, no matter how turned around they get. And, they can figure out how to open anything, especially if it contains food. Bears don't forget – they have excellent long-term memories.

As Hungry as a Bear

A bear can eat up to 20,000 calories in 24 hours. That's like eating 40 hamburgers and 40 sundaes in one day! Grizzly bears can eat as many as 100,000 berries a day!

Bears are Speedy

Bears may look slow and clumsy, but they can run up to 60 kilometers per hour. That's twice the speed of the fastest Olympic runner! They can run uphill or downhill and even sideways.



BEARY INTERESTING

Unscramble the letters to learn some fun bear facts.

A female bear is called a **WSO**.

A male bear is called a **RABO**.

A cub of the year is called a **YCO**.

A group of bears is called a **LHSOT**. (Answers on page 18)