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Read and fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box below.



wildlife conflict — interacting — access — behaviour — afraid of — habitat

Human [0] \_\_\_\_\_ is causing problems between humans and bears in parts of North America. Humans have moved to areas that are very close to the bears' [1] \_\_\_\_\_ causing these animals to look for new ways to find food.

Experts say that humans mustn't feed bears! Bears that are no longer [2] \_\_\_\_\_ humans can become very dangerous. In addition to becoming comfortable around humans, the most dangerous thing about feeding bears and [3] \_\_\_\_\_ with them is that they are associating humans with getting food. This changes the bears' [4] \_\_\_\_\_, as they come to expect a free meal and will come to humans to get it; the danger comes when bears demand their free meal. This does not only put humans at risk of injury and property damage but will put their neighbours and their property at risk as well. So humans should not give wild animals [5] \_\_\_\_\_ to their food.