



# Baby Bears

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## Essential Question

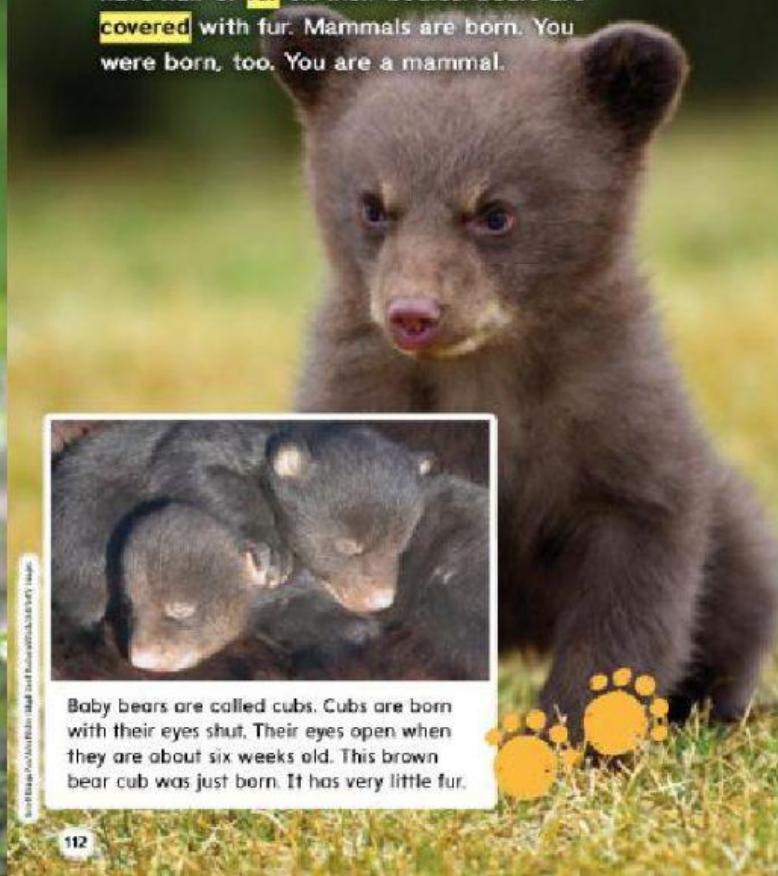
How are offspring like their parents?

Read to find out how baby bears are like their moms and dads.

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## What is a bear?

Bears are animals called **mammals**. Mammals have hair or **fur** on their bodies. Bears are **covered** with fur. Mammals are born. You were born, too. You are a mammal.



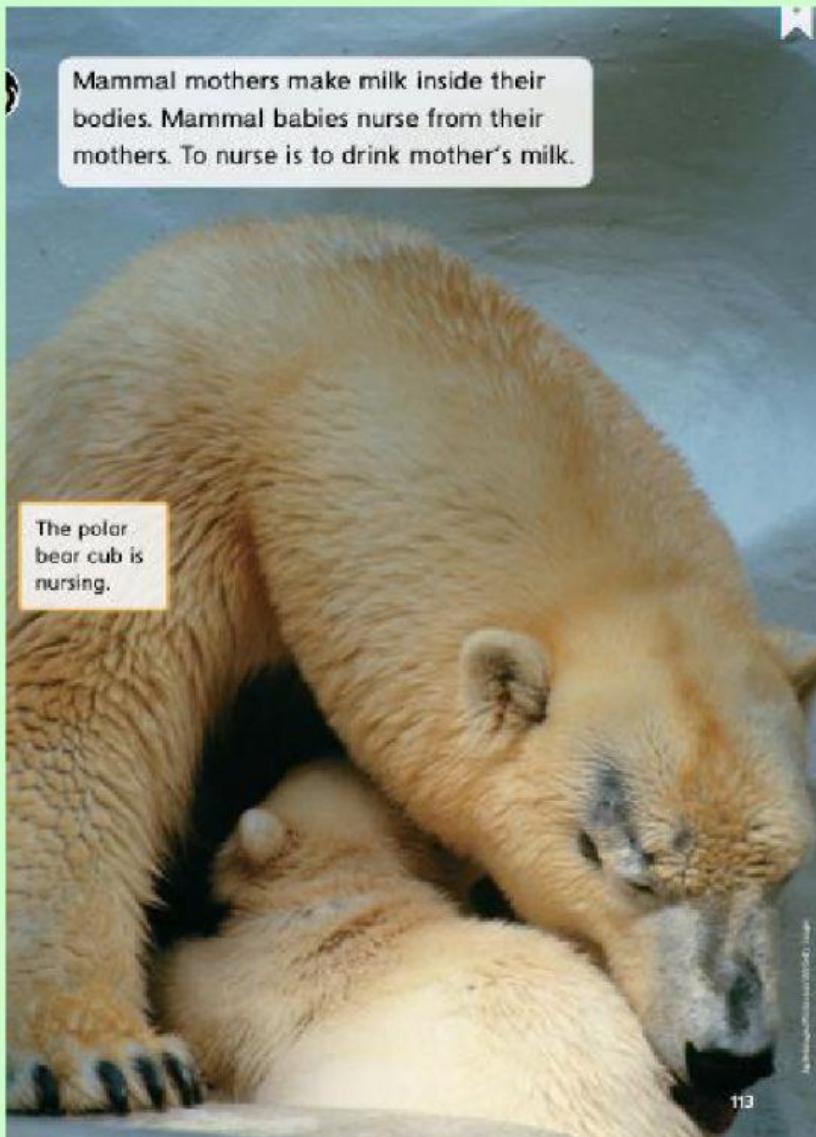
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1. What are bears? Write one word only.

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2. Read the caption on p. 112. Which details support the idea that bears are mammals?

- Baby bears are cubs.
- Cubs are born with their eyes shut.
- Their eyes open when they are six weeks old.
- The cub has very little fur.



## Vocabulary:

Reread the paragraph and the caption.

Find text evidence.

3. **Nursing** means:

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4. What is the text evidence that helped you figure out the meaning?

- a. Synonym
- b. definition
- c. photograph
- d. caption

## Kinds of bears

There are eight kinds of bears. The bears shown on this page are an American black bear, a brown bear, and a polar bear. These bears all live in North America.

American black bears can be different colors. What color is this black bear?



There are different kinds of brown bears. These grizzly bears are one kind of brown bear.



Polar bears have white fur. They live in a cold place called the Arctic.



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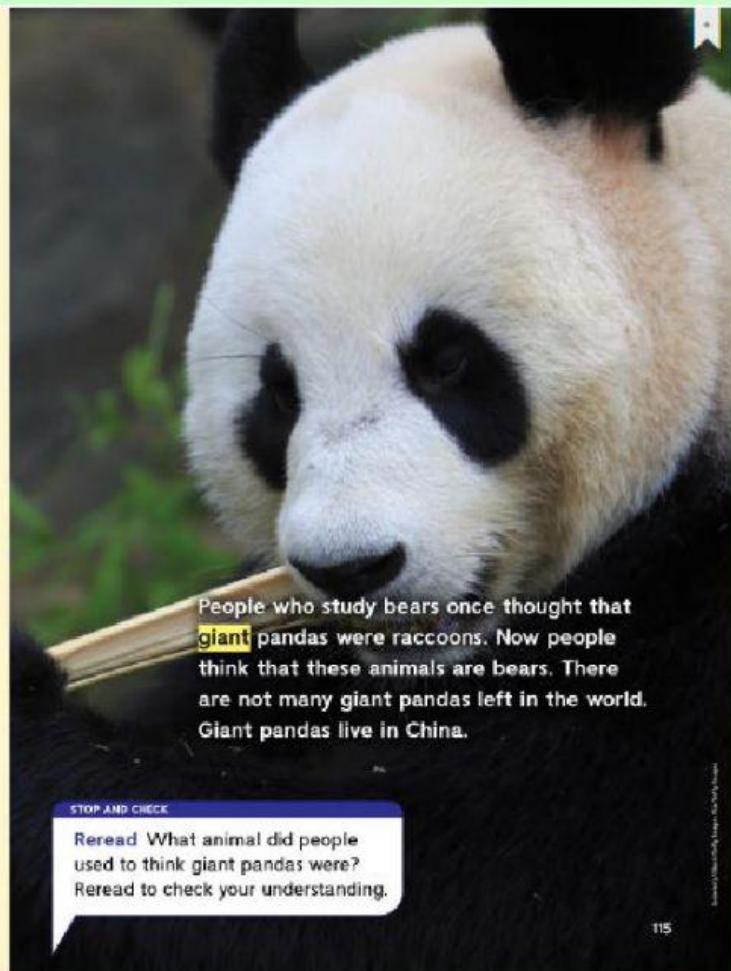
**5. Read the heading, and look at the photos.**

**Decide the main idea statement.**

- a. There are different kinds of brown bears.
- b. Pandas are bears.
- c. There are many kinds of bears.

**6. Where do polar bears live? Write one word.**

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## Bear bodies

Bears have four legs. They can walk on all four legs or on their two back legs. They have five toes with claws on each foot. Claws are curved nails.

This grizzly bear cub has brown fur covering its body.

Bears can smell, hear, and see very well.



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## 7. What do bears use their **claws** to?

a. -----

b. -----

## 8. Circle where you get this information, and post it in the chat box.

## Bear coats

Bears have two kinds of fur. Some of their fur is short, and some is long. Their short fur keeps them warm. Their long fur keeps water away from their skin.

Polar bears have thick white fur.



Pandas have black-and-white fur.

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