Bear families

A bear family is made up of a mother bear and her cubs. Most mother bears have litters of cubs. A litter is two or more babies that are born at the same time. This mother grizzly bear has three cubs.

1. What is the meaning of (litters)?

2. What text clues does the author use to figure out the meaning of (litters)?

a. synonyms

b. definition

3. How does the author use the photograph to help you understand the word (litters)?

a. The photograph shows where bears live.

b. The photograph shows a bear with its three cubs.

c. The photograph shows how big the mother bear is.

The author uses photos, captions and labels to give more information.

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Text Features: Photos, Captions and Headings

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Reread pages 118–119.

How does the author use photographs, captions and headings to help you understand bear families?

1. The author uses photos, captions and labels to give more information.
2. The author uses headings to tell what each section is about. The details in each section all relate to the heading.

photo

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caption

text

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Text	Photograph	Caption

Drag and drop.

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Text	Photograph	Caption

A mother bear is shown with her litter of three cubs teaching them to climb.

Mothers teach cubs their cubs how to climb trees.

Cubs learn from their mother how to find food and stay safe.