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"Bears"

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

American Black Bears live in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. An American Black Bear can be up to seven feet tall if it stands on its hind legs. A mother Black Bear can have 2-4 baby bears. They have the bears in winter. The baby bears are called ***cubs***. ***During*** the winter, the cubs stay with their mother in the bear den. During the summer, the cubs like to go ***outside***. They like to run and play. The cubs drink milk provided by their mother. The cubs eat nuts, berries, and insects. The cubs also love to eat honey. During the winter, the cubs sleep in the den with their mothers. They rest all winter. The cubs will ***leave*** their mother the next summer. They will move away to start their own family.

Brown Bears live in the North. They live in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, Canada, and northern Eurasia. Brown Bears are very big. A Brown Bear can be up to ten feet tall if it stands on its hind legs. Like Black Bear cubs, Brown Bear cubs are born in winter. They drink milk until spring or summer. The mothers have 2-4 cubs. Brown Bear cubs stay with their mothers for 2-4 years. The adult females, called sows, teach them to hunt. They like to hunt at night. They like to hunt in large, open ***spaces***. Brown Bears eat mostly fruits and vegetables, but they also hunt and eat other animals.

Questions:

1) When are bear cubs born?
   A. Winter
   B. Spring
   C. Summer
   D. Fall

2) What do bears do all winter?
   A. They learn to hunt.
   B. They run and play.
   C. They fish.
   D. They rest.

3) How tall can a Brown Bear get?
   A. Under 7 feet
   B. Up to 8 feet
   C. Under 9 feet
   D. Up to 10 feet

4) Brown Bears leave their mothers…
   A. when they are 1-2 years old.
   B. when they are 2-4 years old.
   C. when they are 3-5 years old.
   D. when they are 4-5 years old.

5) Where do black bears like to hunt?
   A. In open spaces
   B. In the woods
   C. In open spaces and in the woods
   D. In open spaces and near the water

Vocabulary:

1) Bear ***cubs*** are…
   A. mother bears.
   B. baby bears.
   C. where bears rest.
   D. groups of bears.

2) What is the best synonym for ***during***?
   A. after
   B. before
   C. while
   D. what

3) ***Outside*** is…
   A. a place where bears hunt.
   B. a place that is in the woods.
   C. a place that is not enclosed by walls.
   D. a place that does not receive sunlight.

4) When you ***leave***, you…
   D. go home
   E. go to sleep
   F. go away
   D. go back

5) What are open ***spaces***?
   A Big places with many trees
   B. Big grassy areas
   C. Small places with tall trees
   D. Small grassy areas

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