



“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 back legs. Two or three baby Black Bears are born to each mother in winter. The babies are **cubs**. The cubs stay with their mother in a bear **den**. The cubs go outside in summer. They drink their mother’s milk until fall. The mom eats plants and berries. Bear cubs like to run and play. Their mothers teach them to **hunt** and fish when they play. They like to hunt **during** the day. They like to stay in the woods. During the winter, the cubs go to the den with their mothers. They rest all winter. The cubs leave their mother the next summer.

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 back 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) A **den** is...
 - A. a place where bears hunt.
 - B. the largest kind of bear.
 - C. a place where bears live.
 - D. the fruit that bears eat.
- 3) When bears **hunt**, they...
 - A. rest during the winter.
 - B. look for animals to eat.
 - C. drink their mom’s milk.
 - D. stand on their back legs.
- 4) What is the best synonym for **during**?
 - A. after
 - B. before
 - C. while
 - D. what
- 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

