

BEAR FACTS FOR INFANTS

**DON'T BE FOOLED BECAUSE THEY ARE CUTE AND HAIRY
REAL BEARS ARE BIG AND SCARY**

Here are some facts for you

There are only 8 types of bear.



Brown Bear



Polar Bear



Spectacled bear



Giant panda bear



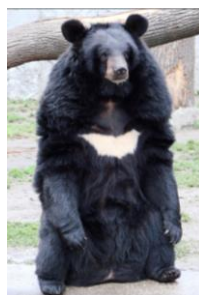
Sun bear



Sloth bear

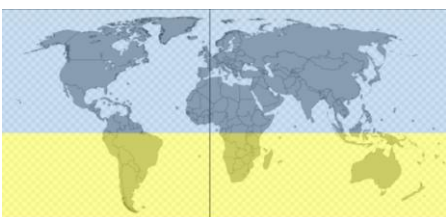


American black bear



Asian black bear

They live in lots of places throughout the Northern Hemisphere which is north of the equator and partly in the Southern Hemisphere which is south of the equator.



Northern Hemisphere

Equator – imaginary circle round the earth

Southern Hemisphere

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Bears are found in parts of North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

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They have large bodies with chunky legs, long snouts, small rounded ears, shaggy hair, and short tails.

Even though bears are big and heavy they are very good runners, climbers, and swimmers.

Their strong legs are used to dig out dens, to dig for burrowing animals, to turn over rocks and logs to find their food, and to club large creatures. They are very good hunters.

Bears have an excellent sense of smell which helps them find food.



Giant pandas
mostly eat bamboo



The rest of the bears eat leaves, roots, berries, insects, old meat, fresh meat and fish. This brown bear is eating salmon

In the spring bears find berries in bushes or at the tops of trees.

Smaller bears climb trees to find berries, nuts and acorns.

Bears sometimes have to travel a long way to look for other food.

Bears like to be alone.

Only mother bears stay with their young cubs until they are at least a year old.



Brown bear cubs
with their mother in
a forest in Sweden



A female
Scandinavian brown
bear with her cub

Some bears like to be out and about during the day others like to be out at night.

Bears dig their dens in hillsides or use caves, hollow logs and dense vegetation for shelter

Most live in their during the winter sleeping - this is called hibernating.

Mothers teach young bears to hunt.

Some bears raid wasps and bees nests for honey and insects even though they get stung.

Mothers and cubs or dating bears, make clicking, grunting or chuffing sounds to each other

Stressed bears moan, huff, snort or blow air.

Bears bark during times of alarm, excitement or to give away the animal's position.

Cubs may squeal, bawl, bleat or scream when in distress and make humming noises when comfortable or nursing.¹

Bears normally do not wake during hibernation and can go a long time without eating, drinking, peeing or pooping.

Bears have their cubs during hibernation.

Cubs are born blind and helpless and rely on their mother for warmth. Their mother's milk is rich in fat and cubs may feed for up to a year after they are born.

By 2–3 months, cubs can follow their mother outside the den. They usually follow her on foot, but sloth bear cubs may ride on their mother's back.

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Bears have been hunted for their meat and fur.

Bears have been used for fun, by being made to dance.