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Three Bears

by Erin Ryan

Did you know that there are eight different kinds of bears found around the world?

Three very different ones are polar bears, grizzly bears and Giant Pandas.

Polar bears live in the Arctic Circle, near the North Pole.

Polar bears stay warm in very cold temperatures because they have a layer of fat, called blubber, and because they are covered in two layers of fur. Polar bears are excellent swimmers and have short claws to help them walk across ice and snow. Polar bears mostly eat seals, but they will eat other arctic animals as well.



Grizzly bears can be found in Asia, Europe, and North America. Grizzly bears like to eat plants, mammals and fish. They can run over thirty miles per hour. Even though grizzly bears are very big and strong, their cubs only weigh one pound when they are born.

The Giant Panda lives in China and has black and white fur.

This bear eats up to thirty pounds of bamboo every day. The Giant Panda is an endangered animal because many of the forests where they live have been destroyed. Many people work hard to protect Giant Pandas.



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Words & Definitions

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carnivore - an animal that eats only other animals

omnivore - an animal that eats both plants and other animals

Is a grizzly bear a carnivore, an herbivore, or an omnivore? _____

Is a Giant Panda a carnivore, an herbivore, or an omnivore? _____

Is a polar bear a carnivore, an herbivore, or an omnivore? _____

3. Why has the Giant Panda become an endangered animal?

4. Which fact was **not** mentioned in the article?

- a. Polar bears are excellent swimmers.
- b. Grizzly bear cubs weight less than a pound.
- c. Polar bears eat mostly fish.
- d. Giant Pandas eat bamboo.

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Goldilocks and the Three Polar Bears

Imagine the story "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" took place near the Arctic Circle.

What kind of clothes would Goldilocks be wearing in the Arctic Circle?

What kind of bears might Goldilocks have encountered?

How might the bears' house been different?

What foods would the bears have had in the house when Goldilocks arrived?

What else would be different in the story?

Now try this

Write a new version of the story "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." The new story should take place near the Arctic Circle, and Goldilocks meets three polar bears. Illustrate your story with detailed pictures.



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The giant panda has become an endangered animal because many of the forests where they live have been destroyed.

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