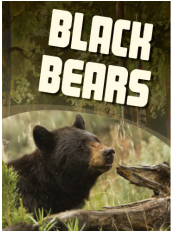


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Black bears are the smallest . . .	<i>I never knew black bears could also be brown. Did you?</i>	
Black bears prefer to search for food . . .	<i>In the first sentence, the author uses the words “dawn” and “dusk.” “Dawn” is the time right before the sun rises, early in the morning. “Dusk” is the time of day when the sun sets, and it starts to get dark out.</i> <i>Black bears eat a lot of different things found in nature. Press Pause and highlight all the foods black bears eat.</i>	
Black bears know how to catch fish . . .	<i>Take a look at the photographs. What body part do black bears use to catch fish?</i>	
Black bears have good eyesight.	<i>I did not know that black bears have good eyesight and can climb trees. Did you?</i>	
Even young bears, called cubs, are very strong.	<i>Press Pause and highlight the word that means the same thing as young bears.</i>	



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Black bears are born in . . .	<i>There is a word in the second sentence that you may not recognize: “litters.” A “litter” is a group of babies born at the same time. Mother bears have two or three cubs at a time. That’s like having twins or triplets!</i>	
In the spring, the family leaves its winter home . . .	<i>In the second sentence, the author says bears “forage” for food. Press Pause and think about the meaning of the word “forage.” Would the word “search” also make sense? Reread the sentence using the word “search” in place of “forage” and see if it makes sense.</i>	
When a mother bear wants to call her cubs . . .		
Cubs stay with their mothers for about . . .	<i>Bear cubs stay with their mothers for about a year and a half. That is a much shorter time than humans stay with their mothers! Bear cubs reach their full size when they are five years old. That is also very different than people!</i>	
Adult black bears tend to live . . .		
Black bears can be nervous around people . . .	<p><i>The word “habitat” is used in the last sentence. Do you know what this word means? A “habitat” is the home or environment where animals live.</i></p> <p><i>How can you keep the bear’s habitat clean and safe? Press Pause and type your answer in the Notes or write it on a piece of paper.</i></p>	



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