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Brown bears, and what they look like

These big bears have two names.

One name is brown bear.

The other name is **grizzly** bear.

They have grey or white tips on some of their hairs, and that is what grizzly means.

Grizzly means **grey**.

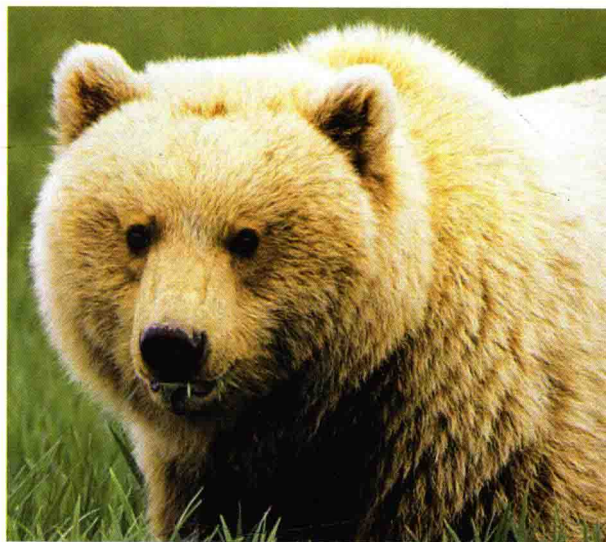




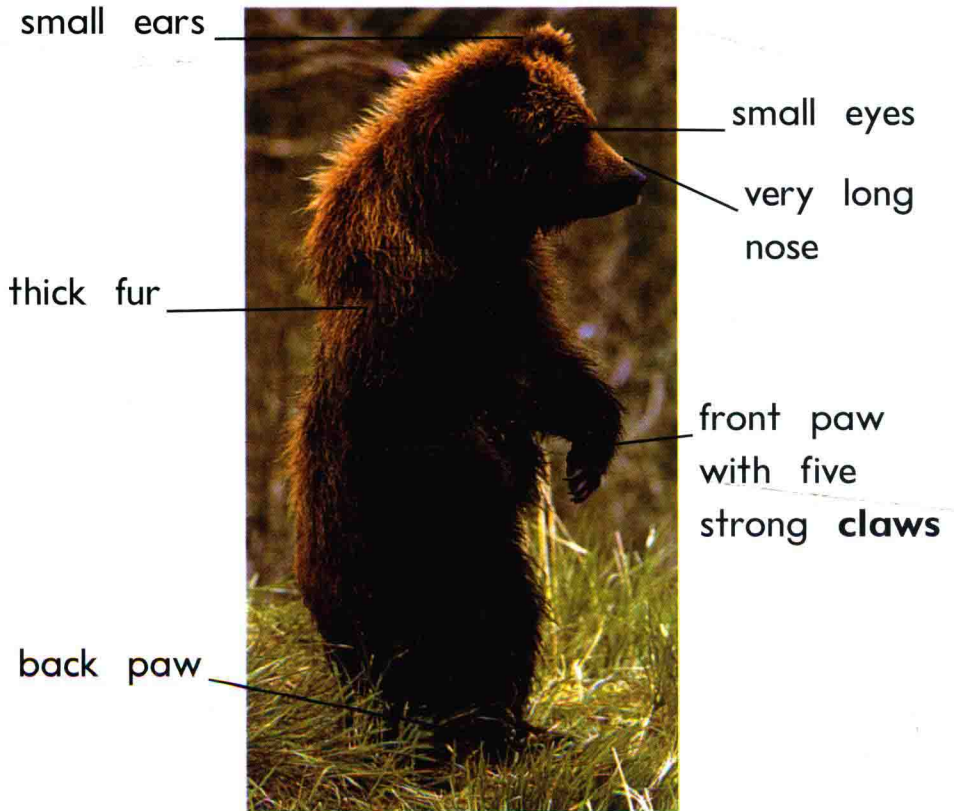
Brown (or grizzly) bears are strong heavy animals with thick **fur**.

Some are red-brown, and some are very dark brown.

Some of them are the color of honey.



What does grizzly mean?



Bears have very long noses,
and they can smell everything.



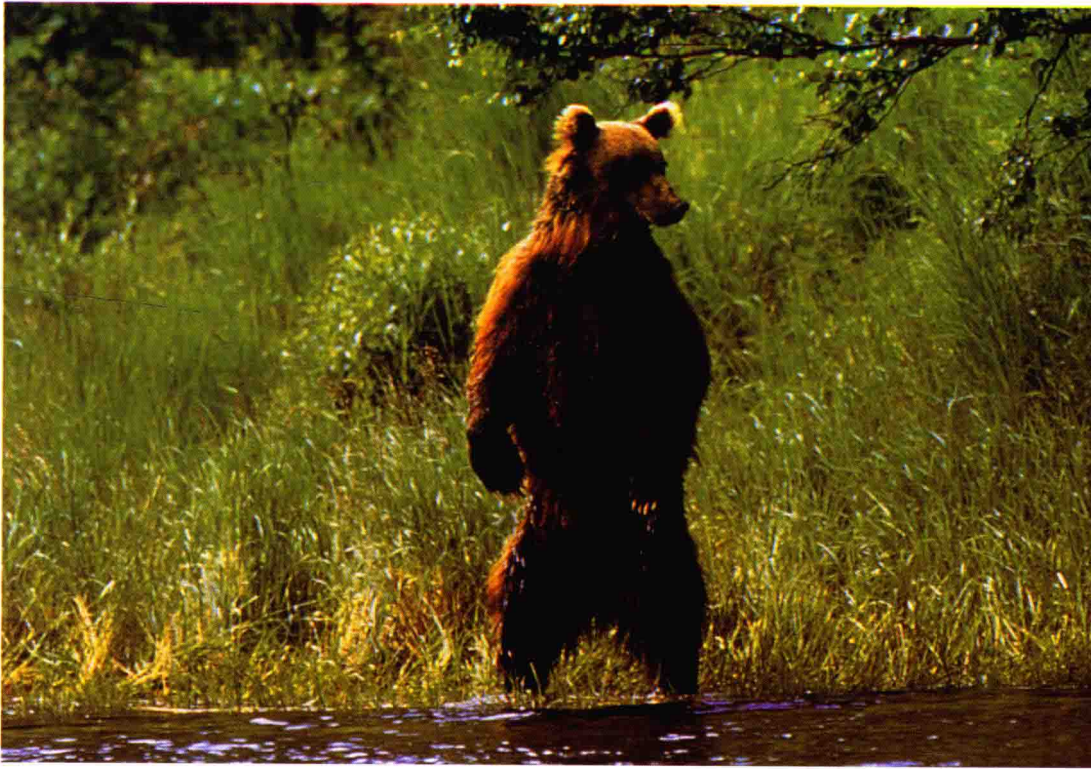
Bear **tracks** show that bears
have five toes, with claws.

Grizzly means grey.

Brown bears need space

Brown bears live in cool forests near rivers and grassy places.

They need large spaces to hunt in, because they eat so much food.



Are bears good at smelling?

How bears catch fish

Brown bears
love to eat fish.

They catch fish
with their mouths
or their paws.

This young bear
is watching
his mother.
Soon he will try
to fish by himself.

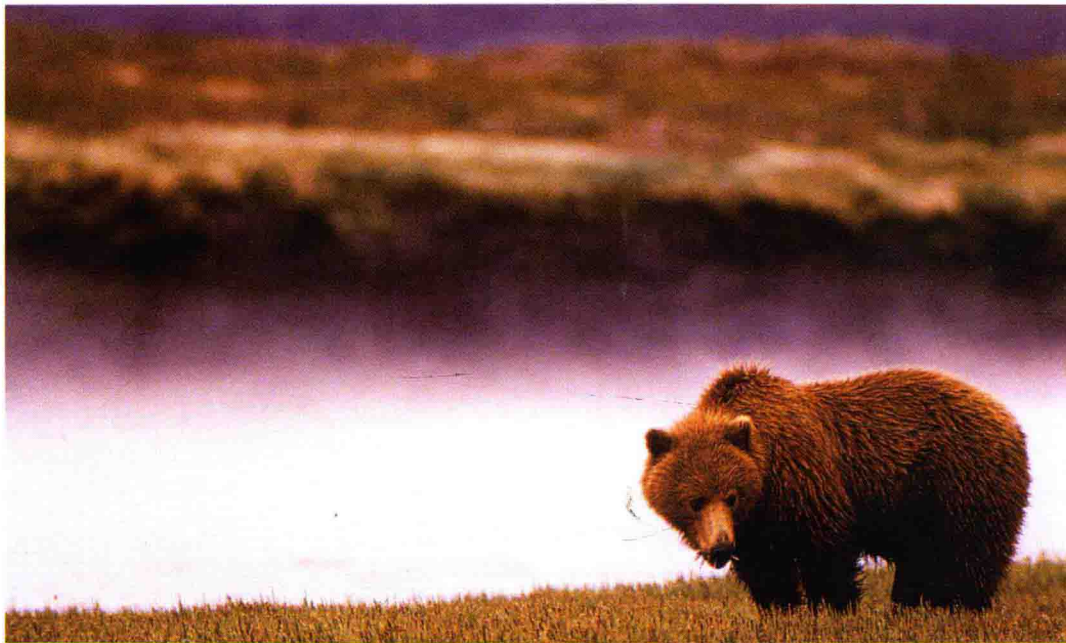


Yes. Bears are good at smelling.
They can smell everything.



How do bears catch fish?

Bears eat all day long



Bears eat new grass, leaves, **berries**, flowers, nuts, seeds and mushrooms; fish, **insects**, mice and **ground squirrels**. They take honey from wild bees, and eggs from birds' nests.



Bears catch fish with their mouths and with their paws.



When the first autumn snow comes,
most bears are still eating.

Bears love eating berries
in the autumn.

They need to grow fat
before winter comes.

Do bears eat insects?

Bears in the winter

In the winter, brown bears don't eat. They stay asleep all winter long.

This is called **hibernating**.

Brown bears and black bears hibernate in cold winters.

Sometimes they make their own **dens**, as this black bear has done.



Bears dig their dens under trees, or in banks, with their strong claws.

Yes. Bears eat insects.

Bear cubs

Bear cubs are born in the den in the middle of winter.

The mother bear has two or three cubs at once.

The tiny cubs drink their mother's milk and grow fast. In spring they are big enough to follow their mother outside.



When do bears hibernate?

The mother bear is thin and hungry in the spring, and she needs to eat nearly all the time.

The cubs love to play but they keep near their mother, and they come back to her when they want to feed.

The cubs keep growing, and soon they want to try all sorts of food. Their mother shows them what to eat and where to find it. When they are three years old, they will leave their mother and take care of themselves.

Bears hibernate in cold winters.



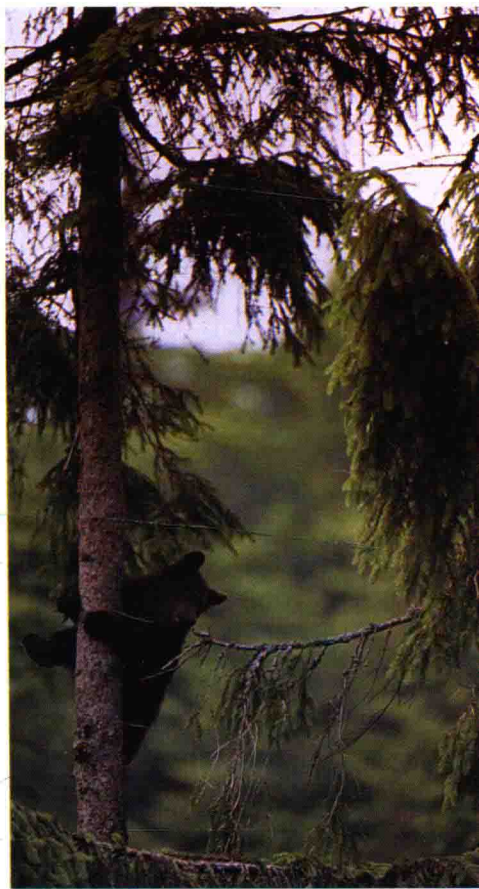
How long do bear cubs
stay with their mother?

Brown bears can be dangerous

Mother bears
teach their cubs
to keep out
of the way
of other big bears.

Cubs climb trees
to be safe.

Big bears
are too heavy
to climb trees.



Bear cubs stay with their mother
for three years.