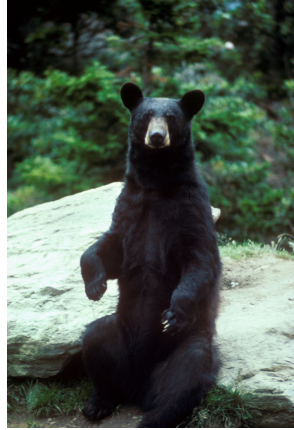


Keeping Bears Out



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Park workers are trying to solve this problem. Workers have put out special garbage cans. The bears cannot break into the cans. Workers tell park visitors to use special boxes for their food. The boxes are metal. People must lock them. Bears cannot get into the boxes.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

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- a) wild bears
- b) dogs
- c) snakes

2. Wild bears live in many places where people like to visit and camp. What are these places?

- a) people's backyards
- b) theme parks
- c) U.S. national parks

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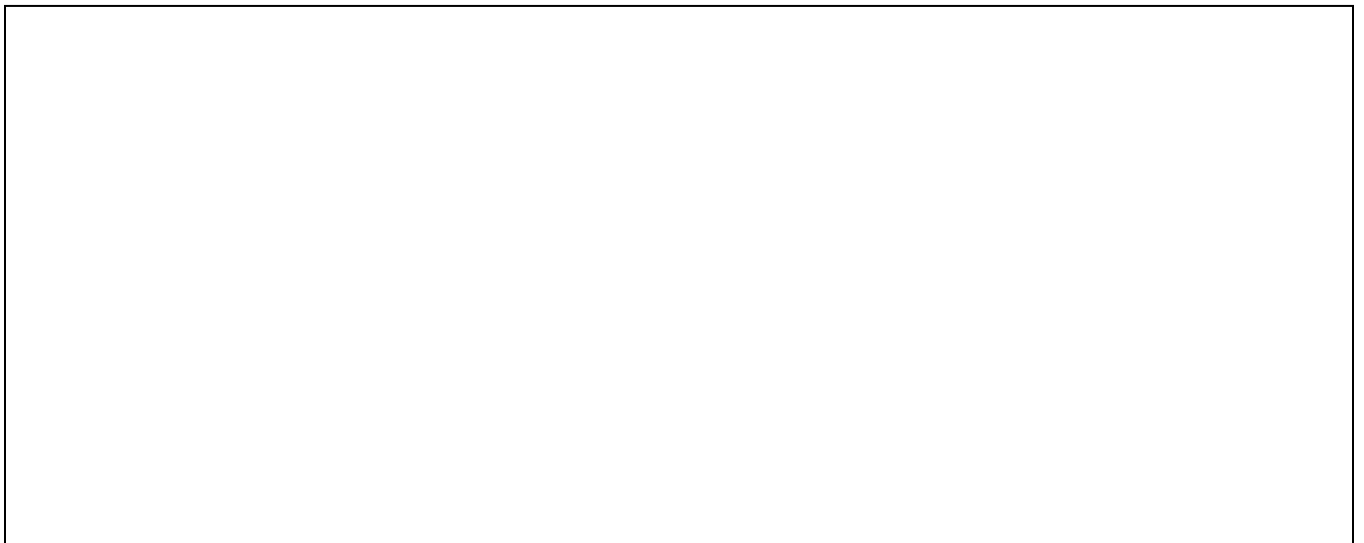
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- a) how to keep wild bears away from your food while camping
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- c) the special garbage cans used at U.S. national parks

5. A) Where should people put their food to keep it safe from wild bears while camping?

B) Draw a picture of campers protecting their food from bears.



6. What did you learn from “Keeping Bears Out”?

7. Class Discussion Question: Bears looking for food in trash cans and at people’s campsites is a problem. Park workers are trying to solve this problem by putting out special garbage cans and telling park visitors to use special metal boxes for their food. How are the special garbage cans and metal boxes helpful solutions?

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 400

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Suggested answer: Answers should include special garbage cans or special (metal) boxes.

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Suggested answer: Students' pictures may vary but should include campers (probably in the woods with tents) locking food in metal boxes or throwing away leftover food in special garbage cans.

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