

MEET THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK BEAR

Are you ready to be amazed and amused? Keep reading! This book is BEAR-illiant!

This is going to be TREE-mendous!

LOL!
What is a black bear's favorite thing to draw?
A self PAW-trait!

At a Glance

Where do they live?

Black bears live in forests, swamps, and meadows in North America and Asia.

What do they do?

Black bears usually rest at midday and spend the rest of the day looking for food.

What do they eat?

Black bears can eat lots of different foods, but they mostly eat plants.

What do they look like?

Black bears have big bodies, curved claws, small eyes, round ears, and long snouts.

How big are they?

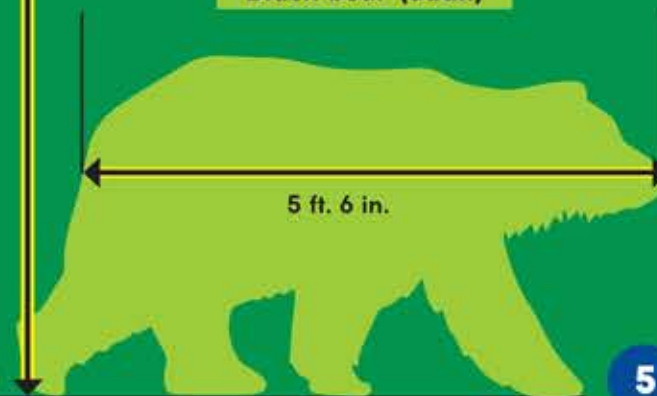
HINT: They're bigger than you. Check this out!

Human (age 9)



4 ft. 6 in.

Black bear (adult)



5 ft. 6 in.

SUPER SENSES

Black bears have to stay sharp in the wild! It's a good thing they have super senses!

Super Sniffer
A black bear has a great sense of smell. It can sniff out food from more than a mile away.

WACKY FACT:
The part of a bear's brain that manages smell is five times as large as a human's.

THAT'S EXTREME!
In addition to having super senses, black bears are super fast! They can run 30 miles per hour over short distances.

LOL!
What would bears be without bees?
Ears!

Eye Spy
Black bears have small eyes, but they have good vision—especially at night.

Ears to You!
A bear's ears are about twice as sensitive as human ears.

WELCOME, BABIES

American black bears give birth in January or February. The babies are called cubs.

Bald and Beautiful
Cubs are covered with very fine hair. They cannot hear or see when born.

Two of a Kind
A black bear can have one to five cubs. But twins are most common. Each newborn weighs less than a pound.

THAT'S EXTREME!
A mother bear eats her cubs' poop to keep the den clean.

Milk, Please!
Black bears are **mammals**. Cubs drink their mother's milk to grow.

WACKY FACT:
The mother bear breathes on her cubs to keep them warm.

You're im-PAWS-ibly cute!

mammals: animals that produce milk to feed their young

Black Bear Cousins

Bears are related to other meat-eating animals, like lions, dogs, and even raccoons. But other bears are the black bear's closest cousins.

We're the biggest bears in North America.



brown bears



polar bears

I'm waaaaay cooler than a black bear. Literally.

We live in South America.



Andean bears

Our family is un-BEAR-able!



We live in Asia, too!



giant pandas

Yes. Un-BEAR-ably cute!

