



“I Scienced” At-Home Activities

Recommended Grades: PreK-2



This week, Brookfield Zoo celebrates Bear Awareness week! Brookfield Zoo cares for three of the eight bear species around the world – Grizzly, Polar, and Sloth bears. As you listen to the Zoo’s animal care team present about bears, listen carefully for ways they are similar and ways they are different.

Draw a line from each bear to the things you learn that it eats.

Now draw a line from each bear to the physical features it has to help it thrive.



Even though these are all bears, what can you say about what they eat?

In what ways are these three species of bears similar? In what ways are they different?



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As you listen to the Zoo’s animal care team present about bears, take notes below and then do your own research on the other five species of bears and complete the chart.

Bear Species	Type of Habitat	Trait
 <p>Polar Bear</p>		
 <p>Sloth Bear</p>		
 <p>Grizzly Bear</p>		
 <p>Panda Bear</p>		

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Bear Species	Type of Habitat	Trait
 <p>Northern Black Bear</p>		
 <p>Asiatic Sun Bear</p>		
 <p>Spectacled Bear</p>		
 <p>Asian Black Bear</p>		

Think about it!

Do you see any similar traits in the bears that live in similar habitats? What are those?

What benefit are those traits to that animal?

How would you explain that some bears have those traits while others may not?
