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White, Brown, and Black: The Bear Facts

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There are three types of bears in North America. They are the polar bear, the **(brown)** bear, and the black bear. Canada **(and)** Alaska are the only places where **(all)** three types of bears live.

Polar **(bears)** are marine mammals. They live in **(very)** cold climates where there is ice **(and)** snow. Polar bears have hair that **(looks)** white. They are the largest kind **(of)** bear. When they stand on their **(hind)** legs, polar bears are between 8 and 10 **(feet)** tall. Polar bears can weigh between 600 **(and)** 1,400 pounds. They are meat eaters. They **(have)** special claws which help them to **(hold)** onto the ice and catch seals. **(The)** ringed seal is the polar bear's **(favorite)** meal!

Brown bears have different colors **(and)** names. Some brown bears are dark **(brown)**. Other brown bears are blonder. All **(brown)** bears have a hump above their **(shoulders)**. This hump is made of fat **(and)** muscle. Brown bears are 6 to 8 feet **(tall)** when standing on their hind legs. **(They)** can weigh between 400 and 1,500 pounds. Brown **(bears)** eat a lot of different things **(like)** bugs, fish, berries, and baby animals. **(They)** spend all summer eating to store **(up)** fat for a winter nap.

Black **(bears)** are the smallest kind of bear. **(They)** are only 5 or 6 feet when standing **(on)** their hind legs. Some black bears **(are)** a jet black color. Others are **(lighter)**. Most black bears have brown noses **(and)** big ears. Black bears weigh between 100 **(and)** 400 pounds. They have claws that are **(sharp)** and curved. These special claws help **(them)** to climb trees.



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