

Colouring book

BE BEAR AWARE



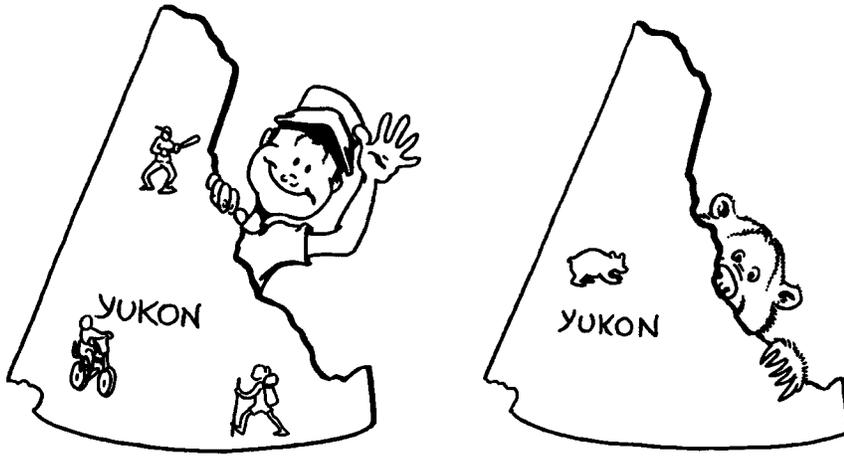
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There are about 15,000 to 20,000 bears in the Yukon.



But they aren't always easy to see.

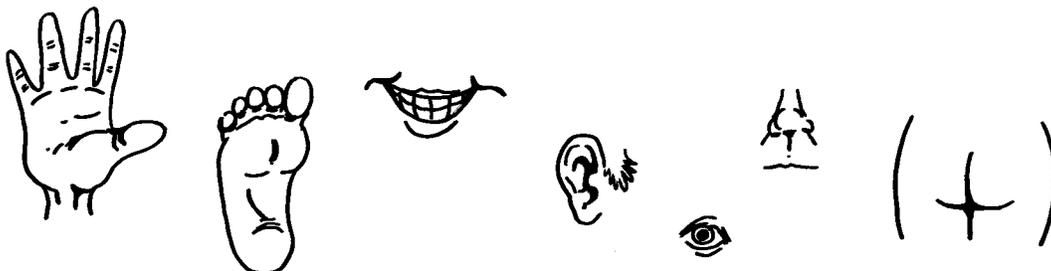
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Are bears a lot like people?

Bears have



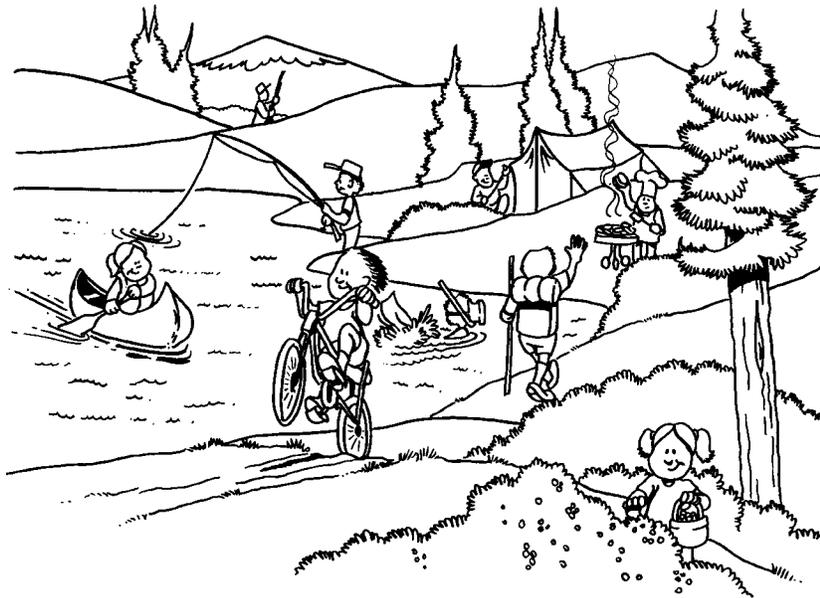
People have



Draw a line joining the parts of bears and the parts of people that are the same.

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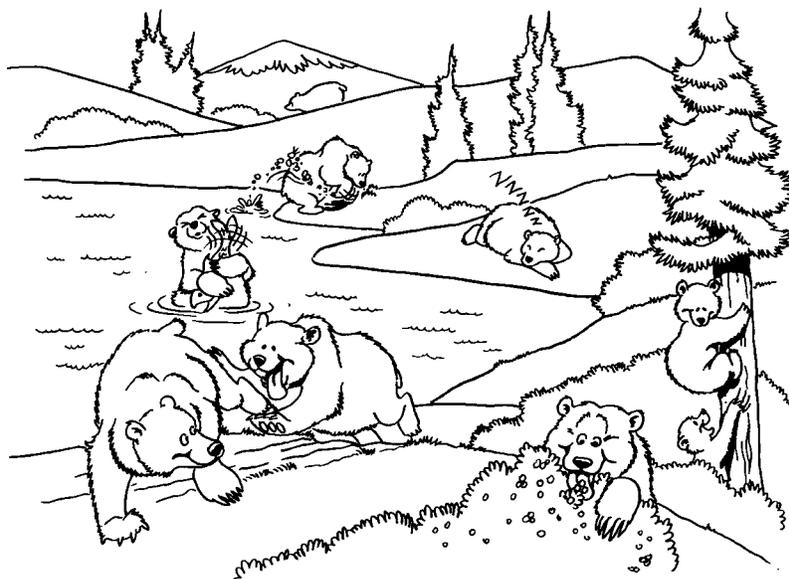
What do people like doing? Mainly playing!



Colour what you like doing best.

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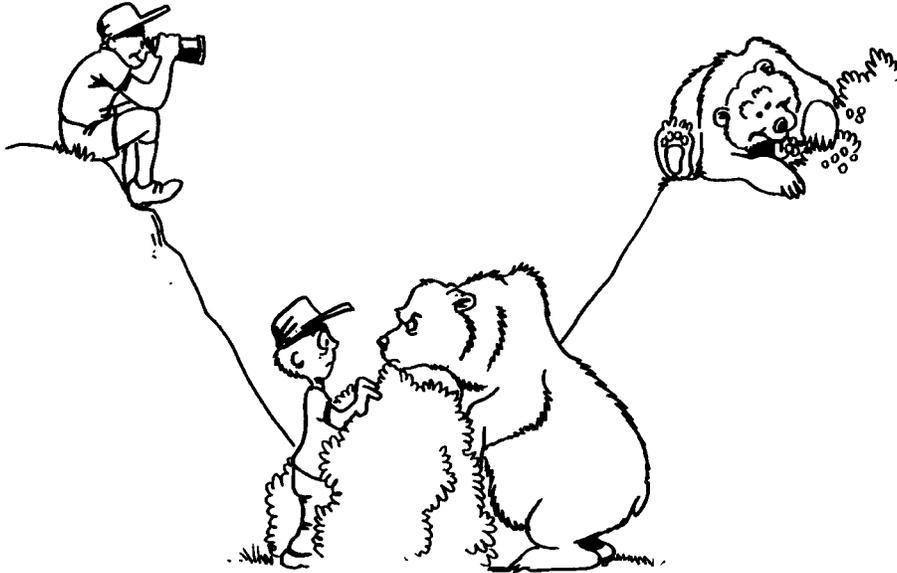
What do bears like doing? Mainly eating!



Bears eat most of their food in late summer and fall.

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THE SAFE BEAR...is a distant bear.



**Do not approach a bear.
Try not to surprise a bear.**

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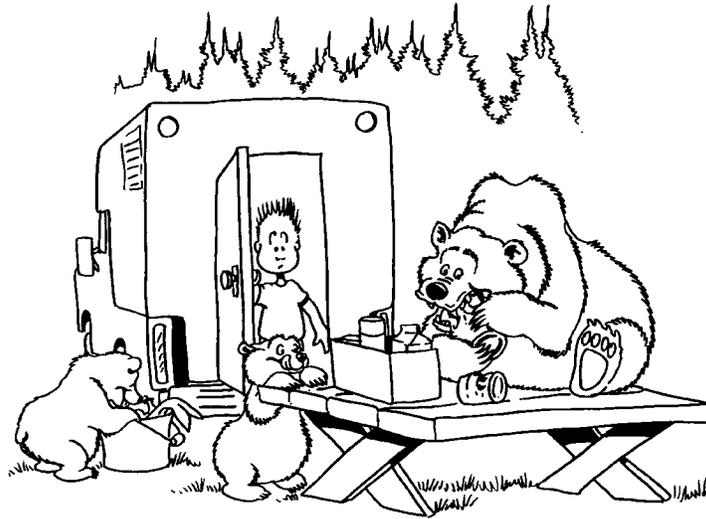
Let's all be bear aware

Here's how...

1. Never feed bears.
2. Report bears that hang around people or get into garbage.
3. Never get too close to bears.
4. Hike in groups and make noise so you don't surprise a bear.
5. Keep a clean camping spot.
6. Never explore bad smelling areas and never play near garbage dumps.
7. Learn more about bears.

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1. Never feed bears.



When a bear gets food from people, it may become dangerous and have to be killed.

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3. Never get too close to a bear.



Is that you taking the picture?

4. Hike in groups and make noise so you don't surprise a bear.

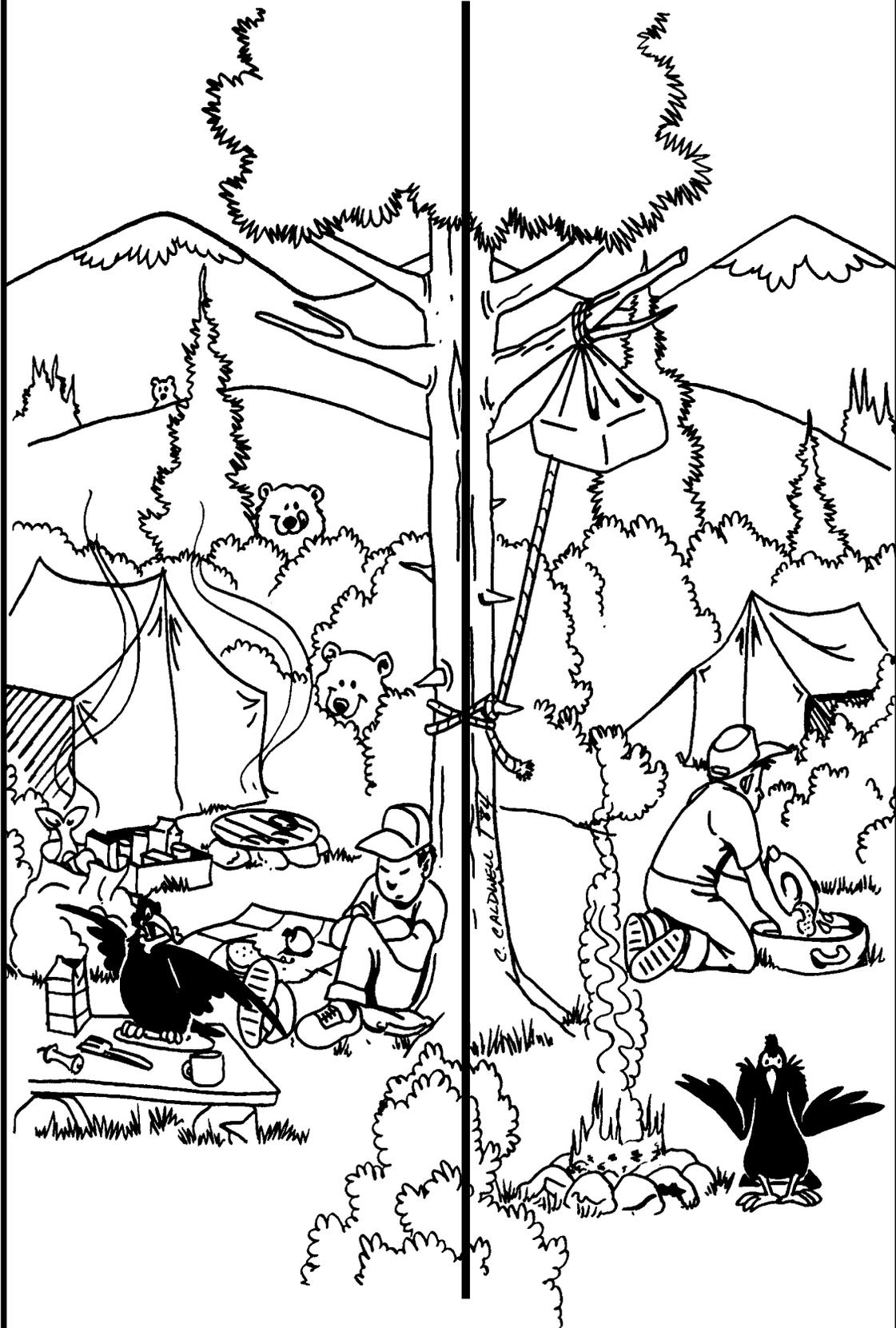


Use noisemakers.



Leave your pet dog at home if it won't stay close beside you.

5. Keep a clean camping spot.



Which kind of camper are you?

**6. Never play near
garbage dumps.**



**Never explore
bad-smelling areas.**



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7. Learn more about bears...

...by watching for...

scats



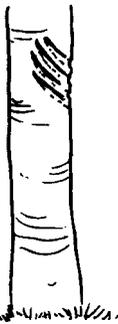
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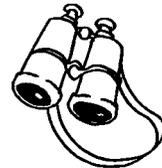
overturned logs
and rocks



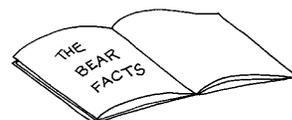
marking trees



...and by using...

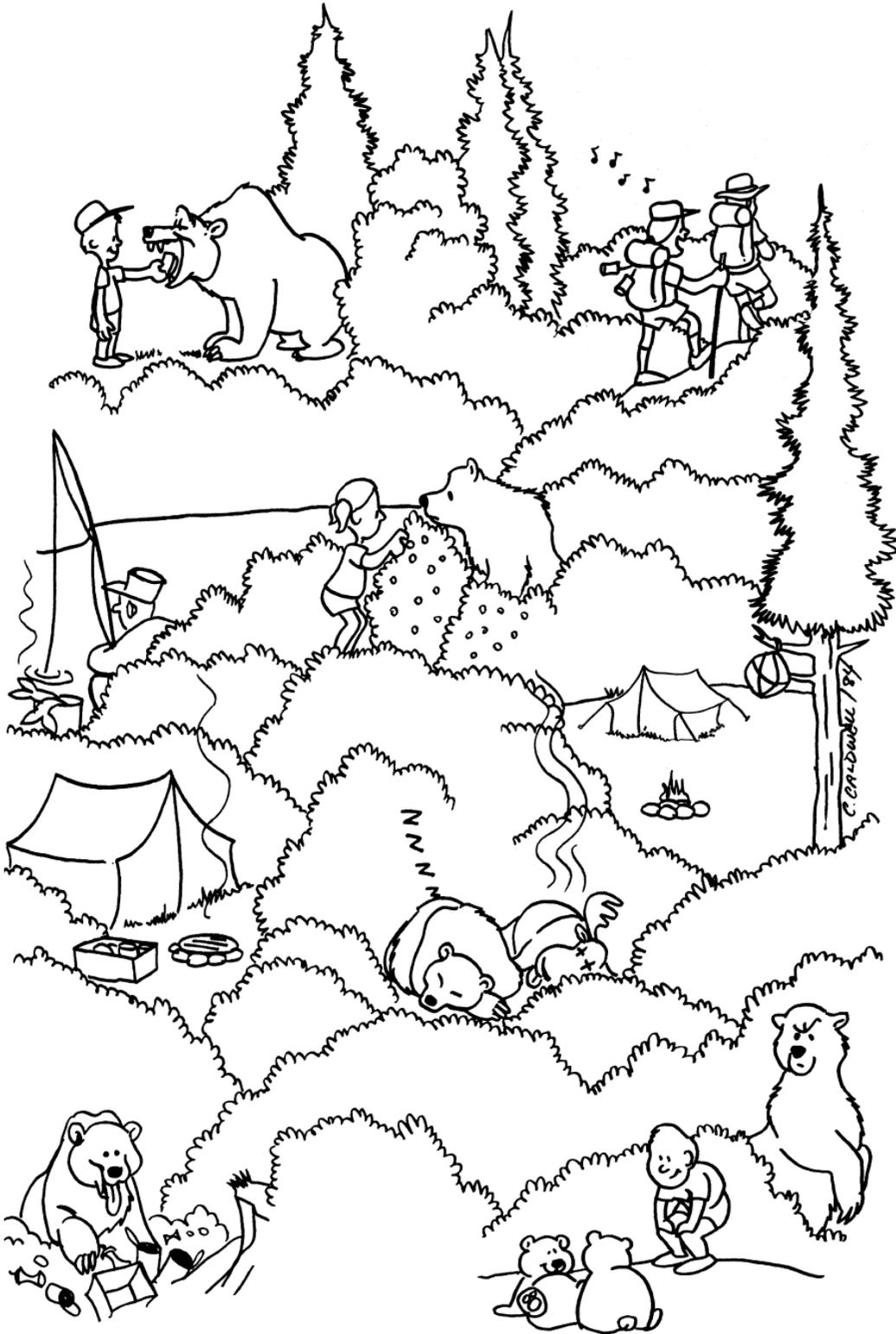


tracks



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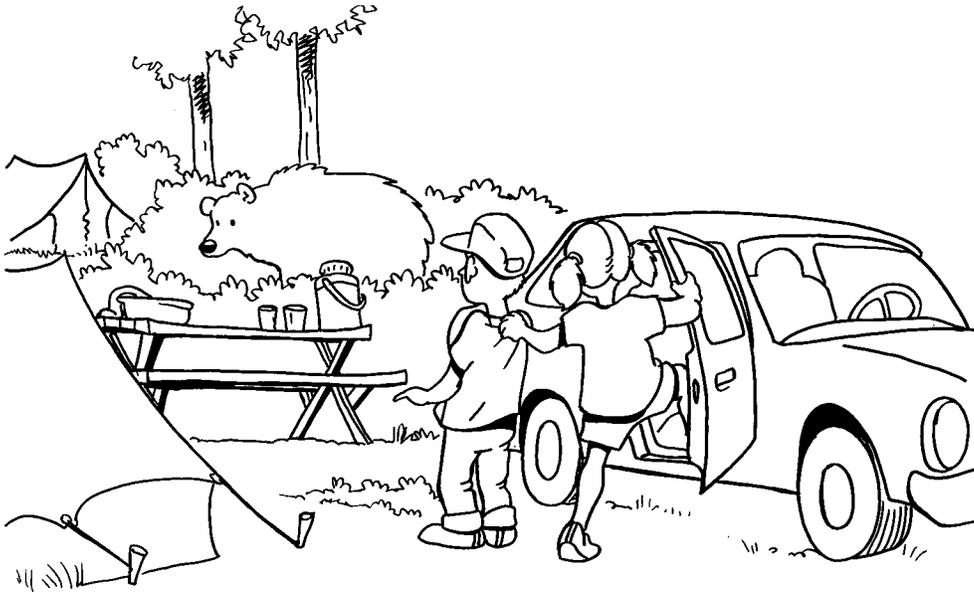
Put an X where you see trouble.



Colour in the safe habits.

**If you see a bear at a campsite or near your home,
move slowly towards the closest, safe place.**

A safe place is inside a car or a building,
or with a group of people standing together.



Never run from a bear. Like a dog, it may chase you.

When you are in bear country, stick with a friend.

**If you surprise a bear up close in the wilderness,
DON'T TURN AND RUN. Move closer to your friend.**

The bear may
come closer,
stand upright to
get a better look or
circle around you
to get your scent.



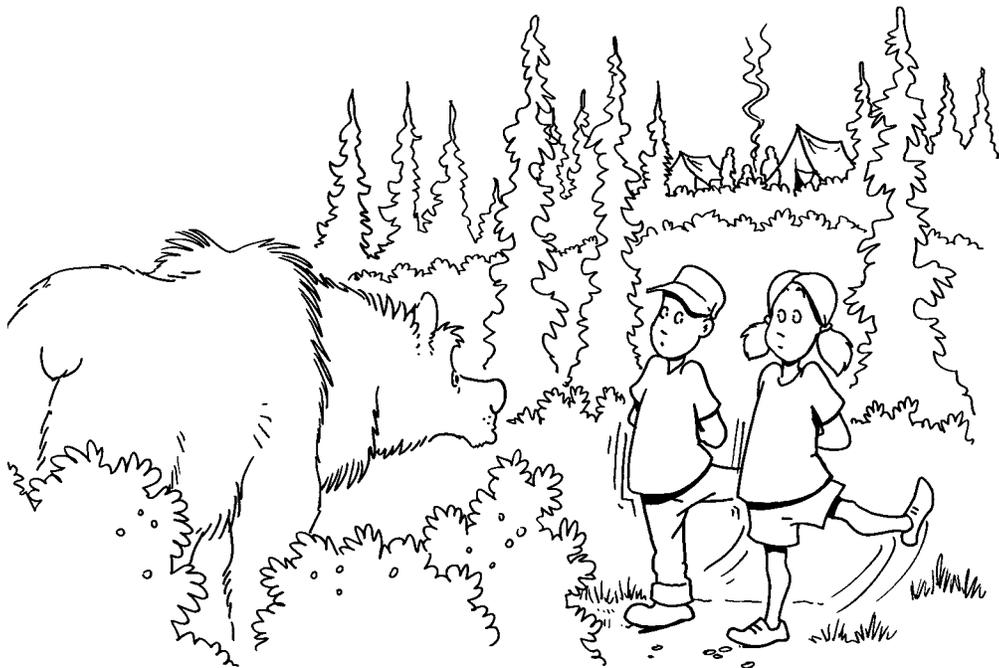
**Wave your arms slowly and talk calmly to the bear.
Help it figure out what you are.**



The bear may talk to you in its own language...
popping its teeth, huffing and growling...telling you to go away.

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**Leave slowly, staying close to your friend...
always facing the bear.**



If the bear follows you, stop moving and call for help.

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