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In this story, two young black bears learn a lesson.

Black Bear! Black Bear!

Brownie heard his mother calling. But he did not answer. He and his sister were trying to catch a mouse. They had chased the mouse into a hole. Now they were trying to dig it out.

Mother bear hurried through the forest. Finally, she saw her children. She rushed up to them. Then she hit each one on the head with her front paws. The young bears were surprised. And they knew their mother was not pleased.

Mother bear walked on more slowly. This time, the young bears followed her. At the river, they found a fish and ate it. The bears liked the taste of fish.

The bear family crossed the river. Suddenly mother bear was calling out again. This time, the young ones ran straight to her. And then they saw it! It was the biggest bear they had ever seen. It was standing on its back legs. It was showing its huge, sharp teeth!



Understanding the Story

Read each question about the story. Then fill in the circle beside the best answer. If you are not sure, go back and look at the story again.

1. Brownie was

- (A) a mouse
- (B) an old bear
- (C) a black bear
- (D) a grizzly bear

Details

The introduction tells you that this story is about two young black bears. Brownie and his sister are black bears. Choice C is correct.

2. Which sentence tells why the mother bear hit the two young bears?

- (A) They did not come when she called.
- (B) They should not chase a mouse.
- (C) She was afraid of them.
- (D) She was just playing.

Inferences/
Conclusions

The young bears were chasing a mouse and did not hear their mother call to them. Their mother was unhappy that they did not come when she called. Choice A is correct.



Write About It

Use each group of words below and write sentences about black bears. Start each sentence with a capital letter. End each sentence with a period.

black bears

climb trees

fast

1.

black bears

eat

2.

black bears

are afraid

3.



Thinking About the Stories

Think about the stories you have read in this part of the book. What do you remember about black bears, grizzly bears, and polar bears? Here are some questions about them. Fill in the circle beside the best answer for each one. If you are not sure, go back and look at the stories again.

1. How are all three bears alike?
 - (A) They are all the same color.
 - (B) They all eat meat or fish.
 - (C) They are all the same size.
 - (D) They all climb trees.
2. How is a polar bear different from a black bear?
 - (A) The polar bear is smaller.
 - (B) The black bear lives where it is cold.
 - (C) The polar bear has white fur.
 - (D) The black bear does not like the water.