

Growing up



When the cubs come out of the den their mother shows them what foods are good to eat. After six months, bear cubs grow their adult teeth.

The cubs spend a lot of time playing with each other. The mother growls or grunts at her cubs if they misbehave. If they do not listen to her warnings, she knocks them over with her paw.

Bear cubs follow their mother everywhere, learning from everything she does.

Bear

Most bears live twenty to thirty years in the wild. Brown bears have lived to forty-seven years of age in zoos.

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Living in territories

Bear cubs stay with their mother for up to four years. Then the young bears move away.

Adult bears live on their own in one area. This is their **territory**. The female bear raises her cubs on her own, without any help from the male bear. When the young bears leave their mother, they have to find a territory of their own.



Polar bear cubs like to "play-fight." They often stand up like boxers or roll on the ground like wrestlers.