

Take Five Words

Today, our five words are:

Bear

Chair

Fair

Stare

Care

Here's my little poem to get you started, then move on to the activities.

Hello there bear
Why do you stare?
It doesn't seem fair
That you sit on a chair
Perhaps you don't care!

Discuss

Why would a bear be on a chair?

- In a zoo or other man-made environment– talk about whether a zoo is a good or bad thing. Are there benefits? Preserving endangered species for instance.
- On a porch – maybe the bear inhabits land that humans have encroached upon.
- At a picnic – as above, but also an opportunity to talk about safety in the wild.
- Invite other ideas from the children.

Copy and Illustrate

- Draw a picture that illustrates the poem.
- What do each of the five words mean?
- Copy the poem.

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Write Your Own Poem

Use the words to create a poem of your own.

Write a Story

Think about the discussions you've had. Write a fictional short story based on what you've learned.

Projects

Here is an idea to get you started.

Bears of the World

- How many types of bear can you name?
- Find out from books or the internet whether there are more.
- Choose a species to research.

Next, think about:

- Are they endangered?
- How many still exist?
- What do they eat?
- Where do they live?
- Do they hibernate?

Create a project however you like. It might be a presentation from your notes, or a written and illustrated one. It's entirely up to you!

Advanced

- Research more about global warming and the effects on bears including hibernation and migration.
- Create a classification chart.
- Write about your findings with photos, illustrations and references to your sources.
- Research types of poem. Does this one fit a particular rhythm or shape?