

Bear-Hug: *Worksheet (upper-intermediate)*

Before Listening



This story is about a hunter and a brown (grizzly) bear.
Think about these questions:

1. What do you know about brown bears?
 - ❖ Where do they live?
 - ❖ What do they eat?
 - ❖ How big are they?

2. What do you know about hunting?

- ❖ Where do people hunt?
- ❖ Which type of gun do they normally use?

a) pistol b) machine gun c) rifle

3. In this story there are these things:

1 bear * 2 men * 1 rifle

What do you think is going to happen? Write a sentence



4. The story is called 'Bear-Hug'. What is a hug?

a) a kiss b) an embrace c) a kick

Listen to [Part 1](#) of the story.

Were you right? Write a sentence about Part 1 of the story

Part 1: Focus on understanding:

Listen again.

1. Write down three facts you learn about the brown bear.
2. What do these numbers refer to?
 - a) 55? b) 30? c) 770?

*Choose from these words: speed * age * weight*

3. One of the above numbers is the 'miles per hour'.

a) Can you write the same number as kilometres per hour?

What do you think is going to happen in Part 2? Write a sentence.

Listen to [Part 2](#) of the story.

Were you right? Write a sentence about Part 1 of the story

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Part 1: Focus on understanding:

Put these events in the order they happen.

- a) Mr Cogey fights the bear
- b) The rifle goes off
- c) Mr Cogey enters the wood.
- d) Mr Cogey wakes up in hospital
- e) A man finds a body

Writing

1. Imagine you are in the next bed to Mr Cogey in hospital. Write a postcard to a friend describing what happened to him.

2. You are the man who found Mr Cogey in the wood. Write a statement to the police about what happened.

Speaking

1. Role-play the following scene:

- a) A television interview with Mr Cogey from his hospital bed.

Possible roles: Mr Cogey, the hunter who found him, journalist, cameraman, TV director, doctors and nurses.

Quick Facts:

Species name:

Grizzly bear
Brown bear
Ursus arctos
horribilus

Average weight:

250 – 350 kg (male)
125 – 175 kg (female)

Life expectancy:

15 – 20 years

Combined Skills

Five Things I Didn't Know About Bears

Work in groups to find five new facts about bears. At least one must not be from the Internet - try books, encyclopedias, dictionaries etc.

Think about:

- ❖ Where bears live?
- ❖ What do they eat?
- ❖ Do they attack people?
- ❖ Which type/species is the most common?
- ❖ Which type/species are rare/endangered?

Read the complete text of [Bear Hug](#)