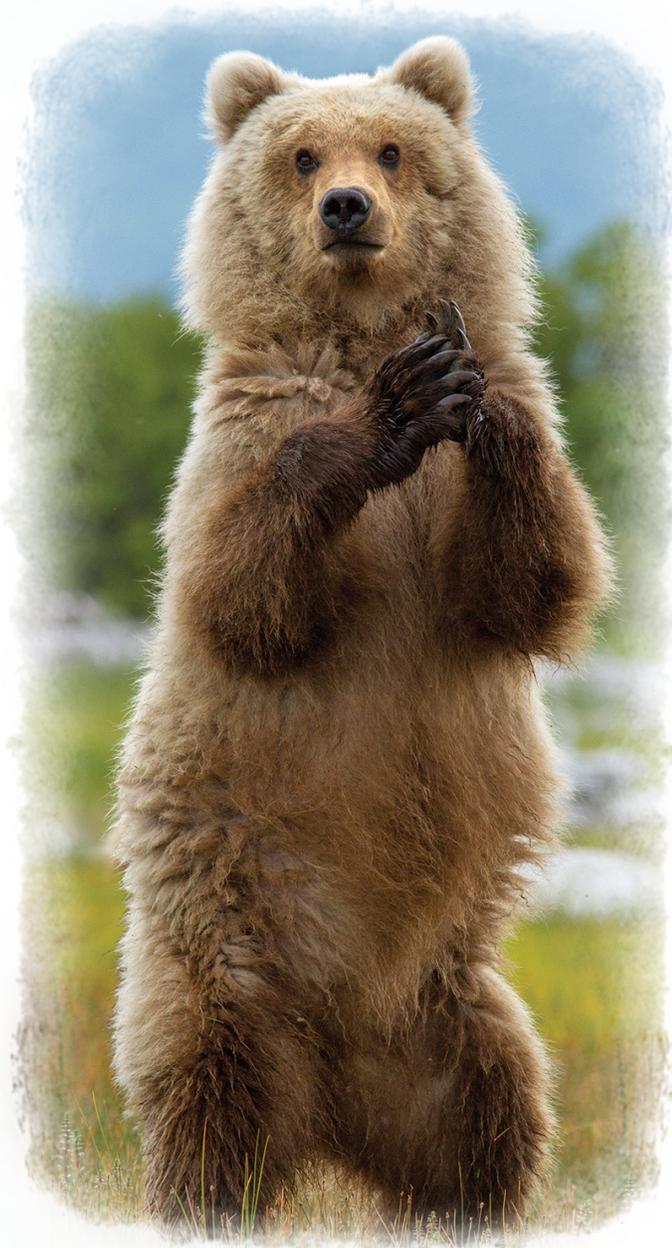




How do I compare to a bear?

Comparing Adaptations

Bears have special adaptations to survive in their environment including their height, fur and claws. Use a ruler or measuring tape to compare yourself to a bear.



1

Bears stand on their hind legs to intimidate intruders and find food. An adult bear can be as tall as 275 centimeters or 9 feet when standing on its hind legs!



Measure your height in centimeters and feet. How tall are you?

_____ cm _____ ft

2

Bears' hair color helps them to blend in with their environment while keeping them warm.



What do you use to keep warm in cold temperatures?

3

Bears have long claws that help them forage for food. An average bear claw is 7 – 10 centimeters or about 3 – 4 inches!



Measure your thumb fingernail in centimeters and inches. How do they compare to a bear's claw?

_____ cm _____ in

4

An adult male brown bear's skull measures about 40 centimeters or 15 inches in length! An elongated nose gives a bear a strong sense of smell.



Measure the distance from your nose to the back of your head. How long is it?

_____ cm _____ in



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