

# Nature Near You

## Journal Prompt:

Write about your favorite animal. Why is it your favorite?  
What does it eat? What does it look like?

## Animal of the Week: Black Bear



Black bears are one of the three types of bears native to North America. These bears are extremely skilled climbers, and have long, retractable claws that help them scale trees and terrain. Black bears have a varied diet, and will eat almost anything- from berries and nuts, to insects like ants, to small mammals and birds.

## At Home Activity: Nuclear Reactor Leadership Game

What you need:

- 2 meter lengths of string or twine (1 per player)
- assorted toys
- 5 thick rubber bands

How to:

1. Group the rubber bands together and tie your 2 meter lengths to the rubber band bunch.
2. Find an open area outside to play. Place the rubber band bunch in the center.
3. Have each player take one string.
4. Designate one member as a group leader to assign the task!
5. All players do the task by manipulating the rubber band with the strings.

**Video Demonstration:** [https://youtu.be/O\\_wu4EuUYC8](https://youtu.be/O_wu4EuUYC8)

## Other Resources:

**Spiral Bee Combs:** Learn about new research that explains why one type of Australian Bee constructs spiral combs: <https://buff.ly/311SDxw>

**Nature Craft Ideas at Home:** A list of fun and easy craft ideas using supplies you can find at home and in nature. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/kids-nature-activities-self-isolation/>