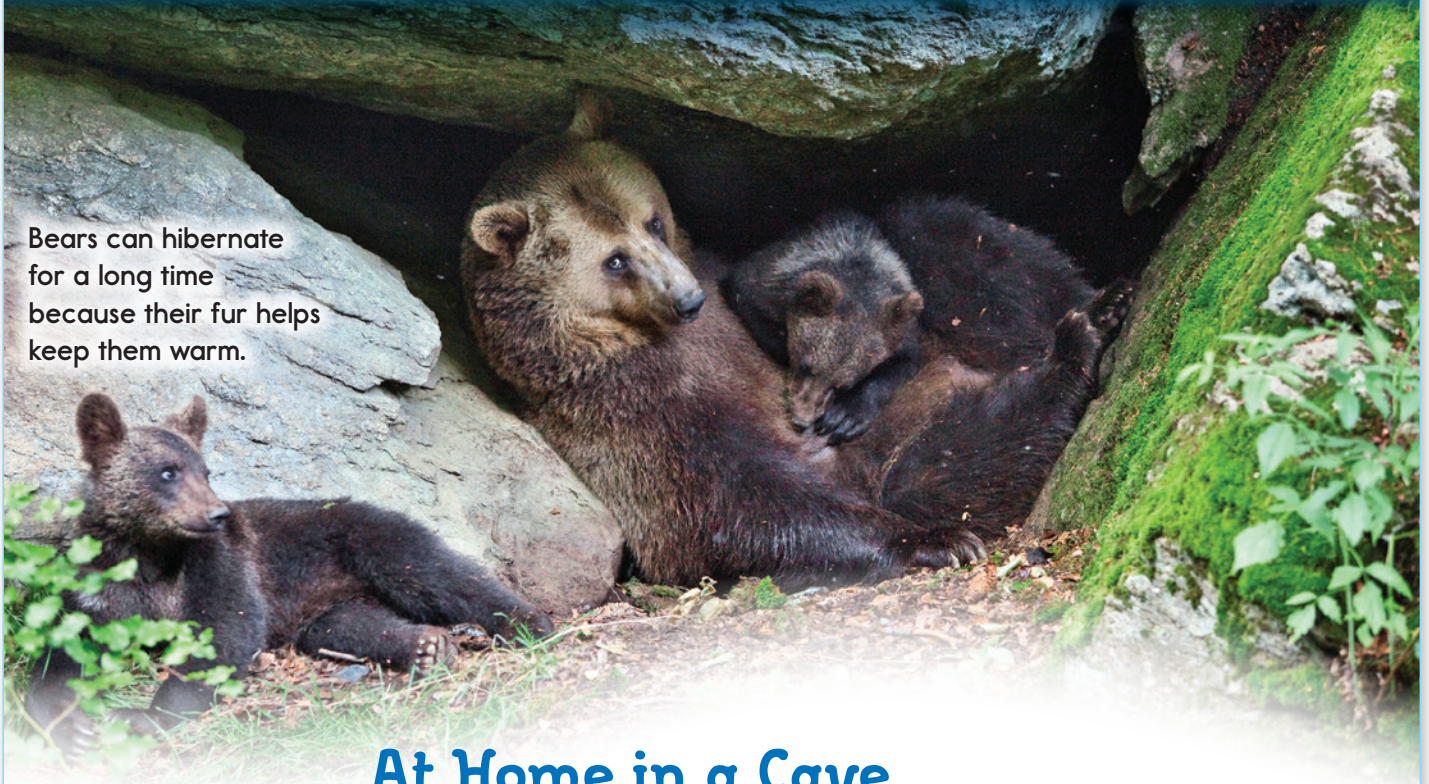


## Close Reading

Bears can hibernate for a long time because their fur helps keep them warm.



### At Home in a Cave

(Genre: Magazine Article)

- 1 Many animals live in caves. A cave is a good choice for a home. A cave is a cool place. It protects animals from heat. Animals can hide in caves. They can usually find water in caves. Some animals live all their lives in caves. Others live part of their lives in caves.
- 2 Some bears live in caves for part of the year. They eat a lot of food in the summer and fall. Then they sleep in caves all winter. They do not leave the caves for many weeks. They even have their babies in the caves. Finally, they leave the caves in the spring. They growl and make noise! Then they find new homes outside.
- 3 Many foxes live part of their lives in caves. Foxes live near cave openings. They enjoy sleeping in caves at night. They leave every day to hunt for food outside.

## Close Reading

- 4 Bats also go in and out of caves. But they sleep in caves during the day. They go outside at night to find food.
- 5 Other animals live in caves all the time. Some live underground. They never leave the caves. Most of them are blind. That means they cannot see. Some do not even have eyes. They do not need eyes in dark caves.
- 6 The cave wolf spider lives in an underground cave. It stays there all its life. This animal does not have eyes. So it uses taste, touch, and smell to find food.



The cave wolf spider lives in caves in Hawaii.

Blind cavefish are very fast swimmers.



## Close Reading

- 7 Other animals live in caves underwater. The blind cavefish lives underwater. The blind cavefish is born with eyes. But it does not use its eyes. So skin grows over them.
- 8 Most of the animals living in caves all the time are very pale. That means that they do not have much color. An example is the blind cavefish. This animal is pale pink.
- 9 Animals living in caves all the time need to find food to eat. They smell and touch things to find food. They eat food that is swept into the cave.

### Comprehension Check

- Which group of words gives the main topic of the text?
  - animals that cannot see
  - animals that live in caves
  - animals that eat each other
  - animals that hunt at night
- Which of these sentences from the text does NOT support the topic of paragraph 1?
  - "Some bears live in caves for part of the year."
  - "Many foxes live part of their lives in caves."
  - "Other animals live in caves all the time."
  - "They do not need eyes in dark caves."

## Close Reading

3. Most animals that live their whole lives in caves do not need eyes. Why?

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4. Bears sleep in a cave all winter long. What makes it possible for them to go without eating all winter?

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