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## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

Strategy: Reread

Skill: Connections  
Within Text

### High-Frequency Words

for, have

### Phonics

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### Content Standards

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Life Science

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Giant pandas live in China.



Black bears live in North America.



Black bears and giant pandas are both bears. They are alike in many ways. They have differences too. The bears have different homes. Each home is just right for them.



Giant pandas have black circles around their eyes.



Some black bears have light brown noses.

Both bears have thick fur. Giant pandas have black-and-white fur. Black bears have black or brown fur.

A giant panda uses its thumb to grab the bamboo.



Giant pandas eat bamboo. They have to eat a lot of it. They can eat over 30 pounds a day!

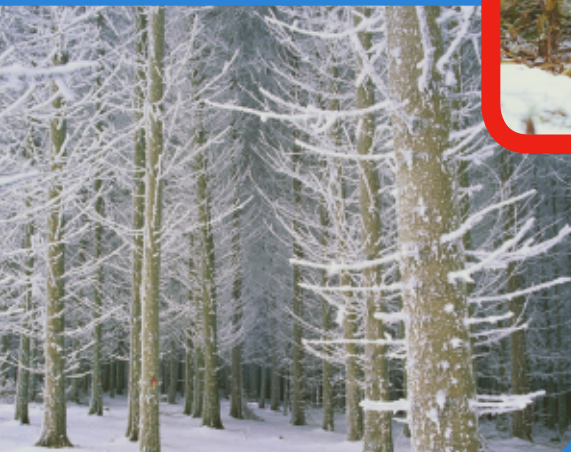
Giant pandas use their paws for eating. Their thumbs help them grab their food.

Black bears like to eat honey.



Black bears eat many things. They hunt for nuts, bark, berries, and fish.

There is bamboo  
all year round  
for pandas.



There is not much  
food for black  
bears in winter.

Giant pandas have food all year. But black bears don't always have food in winter. It's too cold. So they snuggle in their dens. They sleep until spring. Then it is warm and there is food.



This black bear has two cubs.





Giant panda mothers have just one cub.



Both bears have cubs in their dens. The cubs drink their mother's milk. When they are old enough, the cubs come out of the den.

# Black Bears and Pandas

	Black Bears	Giant Pandas
		
<b>Where They Live</b>	North America	China
<b>Food</b>	Fish, nuts, berries, bark	Bamboo
<b>Color</b>	Black; sometimes brown	Black and white
<b>Number of Cubs</b>	1 to 6 cubs; most often 2 cubs	1 cub
<b>Sleep in Winter?</b>	Yes	No

**How are black bears and pandas alike and different?**

## Literacy Activities



### Alike and Different

Tell a partner one way a black bear is like a giant panda. Tell one way it is different.



### About A Bear

Draw a picture that shows something you learned from reading the book. Write about your picture.



# Baby Animals

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