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You are reading a story about the Spirit Bear, an unusual white bear in Western Canada. Read the story.

Text 2 Story in the first person



① The sun shone brightly through the leaves, leaving the forest floor dappled with light. Birds were chattering happily. My home should have felt serene, but something was making my hair stand on end. I halted on my trip to the river. Something was amiss. 'It's important for me to stay still, even if I feel like running away,' I reminded myself.

② I heard their clumsy footfalls before I saw them. 'There's a bit of white fur stuck to the bark of this pine!' called a young man with a ponytail. 'Look at the bite marks on that tree,' said the older man. 'It's typical of Spirit Bears to chew the bark to demonstrate to other bears that they're using the river for fishing. We must be on the right trail!'

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15 ③ When I was still a young bear cub, my mother told me to steer clear from humans. Once, she followed a tantalizing scent to a cabin. Inside, there were two people cooking. She considered venturing inside, but that was when she noticed a black bear skin rug on the floor. 'It's especially dangerous for us to be in the forest because we stand out,' she said.

20 ④ The voices were slowly approaching me, so I cautiously and silently lifted my paws as I walked towards a greyish white cave. Then I pressed close to the cave wall, my light coloured fur blending in with it. 'I lost it,' sighed the older man in frustration as he lowered his camera. 'Those bears are so difficult to catch on film,' he continued. 'People don't call them Ghost Bears for no reason!'

Comprehension 2 Your younger brother wants to know more about the story. Answer his questions using information from the story. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1 Where does the story take place?

2 How does the bear feel in paragraph 1? Use information from the text to justify your answer.

3 Find words in paragraph 1 that mean the same as the following:

- i) spotted _____
- ii) peaceful _____
- iii) stopped _____
- iv) wrong _____

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4 Who does 'them' refer to in line 6?

5 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

The _____ heard the men walking _____ through the forest.

6 What are TWO clues that the men found that told them the bear was nearby?

i) _____

ii) _____



7 Why might a Spirit Bear want to demonstrate to other bears that it is using the river for fishing?

8 Why did the bear's mother decide not to go into the cabin after see the bear skin rug inside it?

9 i) What makes the bear and its mother 'stand out' (line 16) in the forest?

ii) Why does it make things especially dangerous for them?



10 What is the purpose of paragraph 3?

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11 What is the older man's tone when he says, 'I lost it' (line 20)?

A disappointed

B annoyed

C depressed

D angry

A B C D

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12 What profession do the men likely have? Justify your answer with evidence from the text.

13 What did the older man mean when he said, 'People don't call them Ghost Bears for no reason!' (line 22)?

A People have trouble telling Spirit Bears apart from other types of bears.

B It is dangerous for people to come across a Spirit Bear in the wild.

C It is impossible for people to take a photo of a Spirit Bear.

D It is very rare for people to see a Spirit Bear.

A B C D

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14 Put the events of the story in the correct order. Order the events (1 –4).

Events

The bear heard the men approaching.

The bear's mother told it to stay away from humans.

The bear's mother saw a bear skin rug in a cabin.

The bear hid against a cave to escape from the men.
