

Bears

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky

It's the Bear! by Jez Alborough

Leaves by David Ezra Stein

My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough

Where's My Teddy? by Jez Alborough

Hello, Hello

Hello, hello, hello and how are you?
I'm fine, thanks, I'm fine, thanks.
I'm hoping you are too!

The bear went over the river,
The bear went over the river,
The bear went over the river
To see what he could see.
But all that he could see
All that he could see was

The Bear Went Over the Mountain

(tune - For He's a Jolly Good Fellow)

The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
To see what he could see
To see what he could see,
To see what he could see

The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see
Was all that he could see,
Was all that he could see,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see

The other side of the river,
The other side of the river,
The other side of the river
Was all that he could see

The bear put on my glasses,
The bear put on my glasses,
The bear put on my glasses
To see what he could see
But all that he could see
All that he could see

Was that a bear shouldn't wear glasses
A bear shouldn't wear glasses,
A bear shouldn't wear glasses,
Was all that he could see

Hibernation Song

(tune Frere Jacques)

Are you eating, are you eating,
Little bear, little bear?
Eating nuts and berries, for the long hard winter
Little bear, little bear.

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
Little bear, little bear?
Sleeping through the winter, you are hibernating
Little bear, little bear.

Are you waking, are you waking,
Little bear, little bear?
Now that is springtime, sleeping time is over,
Little bear, little bear.

Bear is Sleeping

(tune Frere Jacques)

Bear is *sleeping*. Bear is *sleeping*.
Let it snow! Let it snow!
Sleeping all the winter, *sleeping* all the winter
Snug and warm, snug and warm.
Repeat substituting - Resting, napping, snoring

Parent Tip Take-Home – Phonological Awareness

Research indicates that *phonological awareness*, or the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words, is an important skill for children to know to help prepare them to read.

Today when the library visited...

we read books about bears and learned about the letter b and the sound it makes. We played a game, which can see here, that is meant to sharpen a child's hearing. You say three words. Only one of them can have the /b/ sound in it. Since it is easier to hear the first sound in word, start with /b/ as the first sound. Here is a little poem that you can say to get going, along with some examples:

I hear, with my little ear, the sound /b/,
book...look...cook cat....mat...bat my...by....sky

If you child can hear the /b/ sound at the beginning of the word, try words with the /b/ at the end of the word. This is harder than hearing the beginning sound. For example,

tub...toad...cake see...hat...rub

If this is too hard, play another time. Let your child make up the words and see if you can hear the sounds, too.

Once your child knows the letter and sound of b, move on to another letter.

Remember to point out the letter when you see it on the street and in books you share. You and your child can try drawing the letter in the air or on each others' backs with your finger.

Point out letters and their sounds wherever you go. The most interesting letters for most children are the ones in their names, so begin there and have fun.

