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What hunts from dawn to dusk?  
What has sharp claws and a big hump on  
its back? Meet the grizzly bear.

Grizzly bears can be very large, more than 1,000 pounds in size. A grizzly is brown but has some gray fur. Unlike a black bear, a grizzly has a large hump on its back.







This bear has very large jaws. Its jaws are so strong that they can crush a bowling ball!





The grizzly also has very large claws that help it dig for roots and other plants. Strong jaws and large claws help grizzlies catch and kill their food.



Strong legs make grizzlies fast runners. Grizzly bears chase and catch many animals. Other animals in the woods stay far from grizzly bears.



Grizzly bears use their jaws to eat raw meat. They eat young moose, elk, and deer. Grizzly bears hunt from dawn to dusk.



Some grizzly bears eat fish. They stand in the river and grab the fish with their claws.

A grizzly will even eat ants, moths, bees, and other bugs! In summer, bears eat lots of food so they can get fat.





Every winter, grizzly bears make a den and take a very long nap. The bears sleep for 5 to 7 months. They use up the fat they stored in the summer.

Mother bears give birth to young cubs in their dens.



Grizzly bears come out of their dens when the snow and ice thaws (melts). This is the time for the young ones to learn how to hunt.

This mother sits on her haunches (rear). She is watching the young cubs learn how to play.





The young cubs stay and learn with their mothers for about two years, until they are large enough to be on their own.

Most bears do not come close to people, but sometimes a mother will fight if people come near her cubs.



Because bears are so big and strong, it is best to stay away from them. People can take bear-watching trips, though. They go to the places where grizzly bears live. They watch the bears from platforms high overhead. This is a way to stay safe near grizzly bears!







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