

Open Ended Questions

Before Reading

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What is the animal on the front cover? What are some other kinds of bears besides brown bears?
- Where do bears live? What do they eat?
- What would you do if you saw a bear?
- Would a bear make a good pet? Why or Why not?
- What kind of animals do you think Brown Bear will see?

During Reading

- What sound does a bird/duck/bear/horse/etc make?
- Have you ever heard of a blue horse before? Why do you think the horse is blue?
- What do horses like to eat?
- Where do you think the purple cat came from? Do you think this story is real or make-believe?
- Where do frogs/sheep/ducks live?
- Where can you go to see these animals?

After reading

- What did you like about the book?
- What other animals do you like that Brown Bear didn't see?
- Which was your favorite animal that Brown Bear saw? Why?
- What is your favorite color? What other colors are there, besides the different colors of the animals in the book?

Activity 1: Coloring Pages

Activity instructions:

Color the attached drawings

Materials:

Brown Bear Coloring Sheets

Markers, Crayons, etc

Activity 2: Animal Movements

Activity Instructions:

Call out an animal name and tell the participants to move around the room like that animal

Example: Fly like a bird, crawl like a dog, pound feet and stomp around like a bear, swim like a fish, gallop like a horse, quack like a duck

Materials:

None

Activity 3: Color Sorting

Activity Instructions:

Distribute to each participant a small bag of multi-colored items (ex: M&Ms, Starburst, paper clips, colored cubes, etc)

Ask each participant to sort the goodies by color

After they have completed sorting, ask them to name the colors. Ask what other things they can find in each color

Materials:

Multi-colored items to sort