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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Wednesday

## A Bear and Her Cub

"It is such a warm, sunny August day," said Barry, a bear cub.

"Yes, it is," said his mother, Bernice, "but not for too much longer."

They came to a berry bush and began to eat. When he was full, Barry walked away. "You need to eat more," said Bernice.

"Why?" Barry asked.

"Every winter, bears sleep until spring. We need to eat so we will not be hungry during the winter months," answered Bernice.

The leaves on the trees turned orange and yellow and then fell to the ground. The two bears ate all day and night. Soon snow began to fall from the sky. The two bears found a cave, went inside, and fell fast asleep.

After all the snow had melted, leaves began to appear on the branches of the trees again. Bernice and Barry came out of their cave.

"Mom, look how big I am," said Barry. He had nearly doubled in size. "I am hungry."

"Me too," said Bernice, and the two bears left to find some fish.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

**1** How do you know that it is spring when the bears wake up?

- The leaves on the trees are yellow and orange.
- The snow has begun to fall from the sky.
- The snow is gone and the trees have leaves.

**2** How old is Barry at the beginning of the story?

- very old
- a few years old
- less than a year old

**3** According to this story, when do bears eat?

- fall, winter, and spring
- spring, summer, and fall
- winter, spring, and summer

**4** Which word *best* describes Bernice in this story?

- silly
- brave
- caring

**5** What surprised Barry when he woke up?

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