

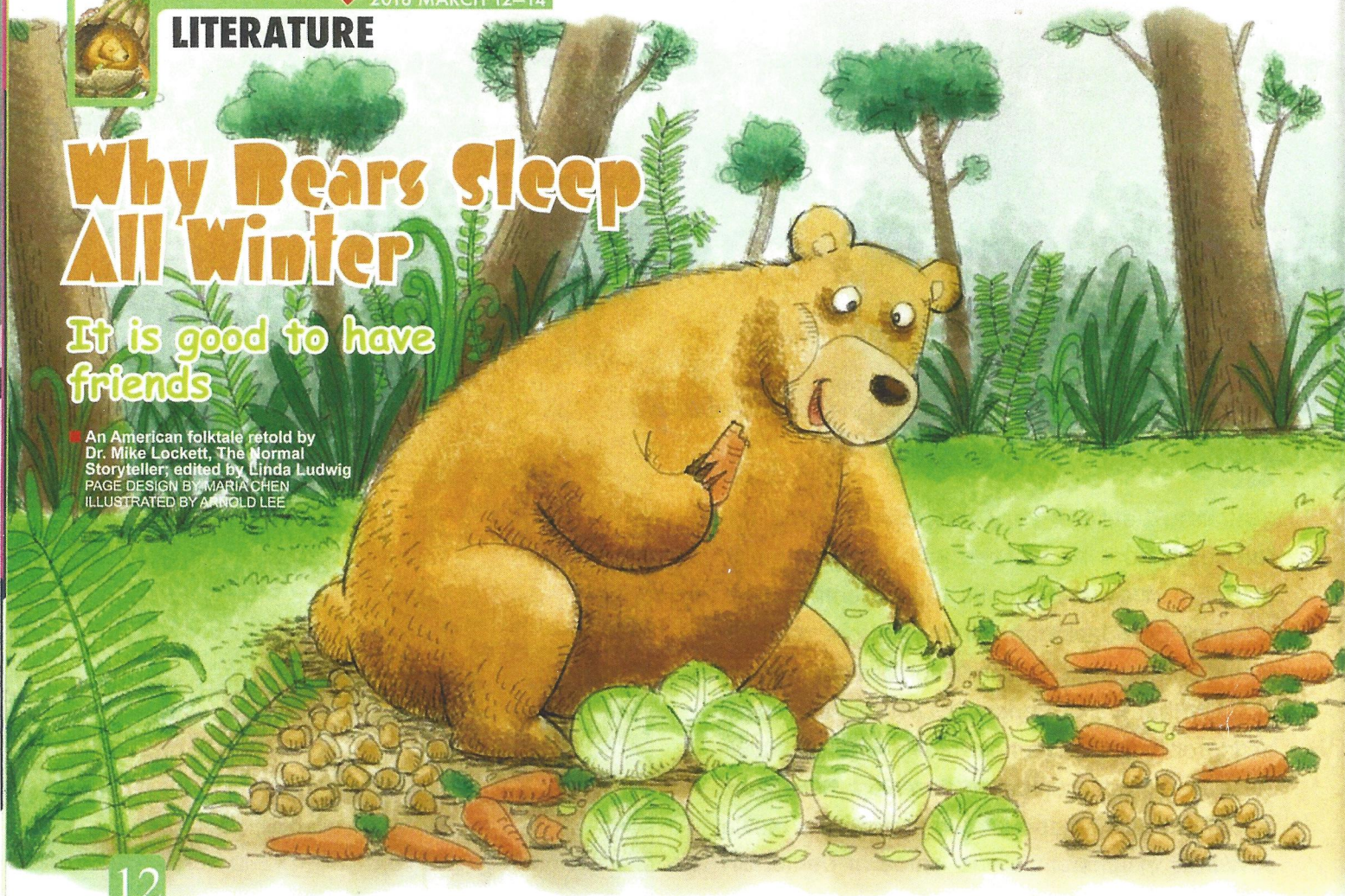


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# Why Bears Sleep All Winter

It is good to have friends

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**F**uzzy Rabbit was a friendly little animal with a big heart. She was always helping other animals. When Little Frog didn't have anywhere to play, Fuzzy Rabbit dug a hole and filled it with water. She helped Little Frog turn it into a really nice **mud puddle** to play in.

Fuzzy Rabbit saw Squirrel making a nest. She gathered **armloads** of leaves to put in the nest to help Squirrel stay warm.

Fuzzy Rabbit watched Brother Mole moving rocks to dig a hole to live in. She helped Mole move the rocks.

All the animals thanked her and offered to help her if she ever needed it.

Then Fuzzy Rabbit helped Big Brown Bear. Bear had spent the summer eating berries off the bushes and honey from **beehives**. Now Bear was hungry again. Fuzzy Rabbit gave Big Brown Bear the **acorns** she had collected for herself. She gave Big Brown Bear carrots and cabbage she had collected. Big Brown Bear just said, "MORE!"

## Usage Tip

*Fuzzy Rabbit was a friendly little animal with a big heart. (p. 24, line 1)*

用 a big heart 來形容某人時，是描述此人好心腸、仁慈又慷慨。

• Stan has a big heart. He teaches baseball to the neighborhood kids and often takes them out to eat when they're hungry.

Your turn

## Talk About It

- Can you think of a friend that is friendly and has a big heart? Explain.  
- *I think my friend ... is ... because ...*
- What kind of friend was Big Brown Bear?  
- *Big Brown Bear was the kind of friend that ...*
- What helps you to sleep? Why?  
- *I think ... helps me sleep because ...*

Little Frog, Squirrel and Brother Mole decided to help Fuzzy Rabbit. Squirrel filled up both ends of the hollow log with leaves and small rocks. Little Frog and Brother Mole packed mud against the leaves and rocks at the ends of the log. "Now, Fuzzy Rabbit," they said. "Use your feet to pack the rocks and leaves tightly into the mud." That is exactly what she did.

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Big Brown Bear followed Fuzzy Rabbit everywhere! Every time Fuzzy Rabbit stored up food for winter, Big Brown Bear ate it all. Big Brown Bear became a **BIG** problem. Fuzzy Rabbit filled a **hollow** log with food for winter. Bear climbed in to eat the food and take a **nap**.

Fuzzy Rabbit went to Little Frog, Squirrel and Brother Mole for help. "What can I do?" asked Fuzzy Rabbit. "I am small, and Big Brown Bear is **enormous**. He keeps eating the food I need for **survival** through the winter. Right now, he is living in my house in the hollow log."

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Big Brown Bear slept while they **labored**. When he woke up, it was dark inside the log. "It must still be night," he thought. So he went back to sleep. He slept, and he slept, and he slept. Fuzzy Rabbit found a new home and filled it full of food. Winter arrived. Fuzzy Rabbit stayed **pleasantly** warm and had enough to eat thanks to her friends.

Big Brown Bear finally woke up when he heard birds **chirping**. He pushed the leaves, dried mud and rocks out of the log and went outside. It was spring. "I slept all winter," he said. "I think I will do that every winter from now on."

## Usage Tip

Use your feet to **pack** the rocks and leaves tightly into the mud. (p. 25, line 7)

動詞 pack 一般是當作「裝箱、打包」之意，但在此表「將某物聚集成堆並使其紮實」之意。

- So many cars drove over the new snow that it got packed on the roads, making them slippery.

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That was long ago. Fuzzy Rabbit still tries to be kind to all of the other animals, including Big Brown Bear. Fuzzy Rabbit knows that she will have an **adequate** amount of food for winter because she doesn't have to share with Big Brown Bear. Bear always sleeps all winter!

## Usage Tip

**He slept, and he slept, and he slept.** (p. 25, line 13)

此句重複三次 he slept，這種用法強調不停做某件事，持續了一段很長的時間。

- John just talked and talked and talked at the meeting, so no one else had a chance to say anything.

Your turn



## Word Bank

**fuzzy** (adj) [ˈfʌzi] 毛茸茸的

The **fuzzy**, little kitten lay down beside Mary and fell asleep.

**mud puddle** (n) [mʌd][ˈpʌdl] 泥水坑

The little boy jumped in every **mud puddle** he could find on the dirt road.

**armload** (n) [ˈɑrm,lɒd] (單臂或雙臂) 一抱之最大量

Frank put an **armload** of shirts in the washing machine to wash.

**beehive** (n) [ˈbi,harv] 蜂窩

Stay away from the **beehive** or the bees will come out and chase you.

**hollow** (adj) [ˈhɒlo] 空心的，空的

The mice made a home in the **hollow** wall.

**nap** (n) [næp] 打盹，小睡

I was so tired that I took a **nap** yesterday afternoon.

**enormous** (adj) [ɪˈnɔrməs] 巨大的；龐大的

An **enormous** tree fell across the road, so we had to call for help.

**survival** (n) [səˈvaɪvəl] 繼續生存，倖存

**Survival** in very cold areas of the world is not easy.

**labor** (v) [ˈleɪə] 艱苦地幹活；勞動

The farmers **labored** all month to get the barn built before winter.

**pleasantly** (adv) [ˈplezəntli] 舒適地；愉快地

After the hot summer, it was wonderful to have a day **pleasantly** cool enough to go for a walk.

**chirp** (v) [tʃɜ:p] 啾啾，吱喳叫

I love to wake up to the sound of birds **chirping** in the trees around my house.

**adequate** (adj) [ˈædɪkwɪt] 足夠的；合乎需要的

I am sure we have an **adequate** supply of wood to keep us warm this winter.

## More Information

**mole** (n) [mol] 鼯鼠

**acorn** (n) [ˈe,kɔrn] 橡實

## Word Bank Focus

**labor** (n) [ˈleɪə] 勞動；工人

Harry does manual **labor** to earn money for school.

**labor** (adj) [ˈleɪə] 勞工的

The workers finally accepted the **labor** agreement presented by the company.

**labor** (n) [ˈleɪə] 分娩，臨盆

Nancy was in **labor** for 12 hours when she had Jackson.