

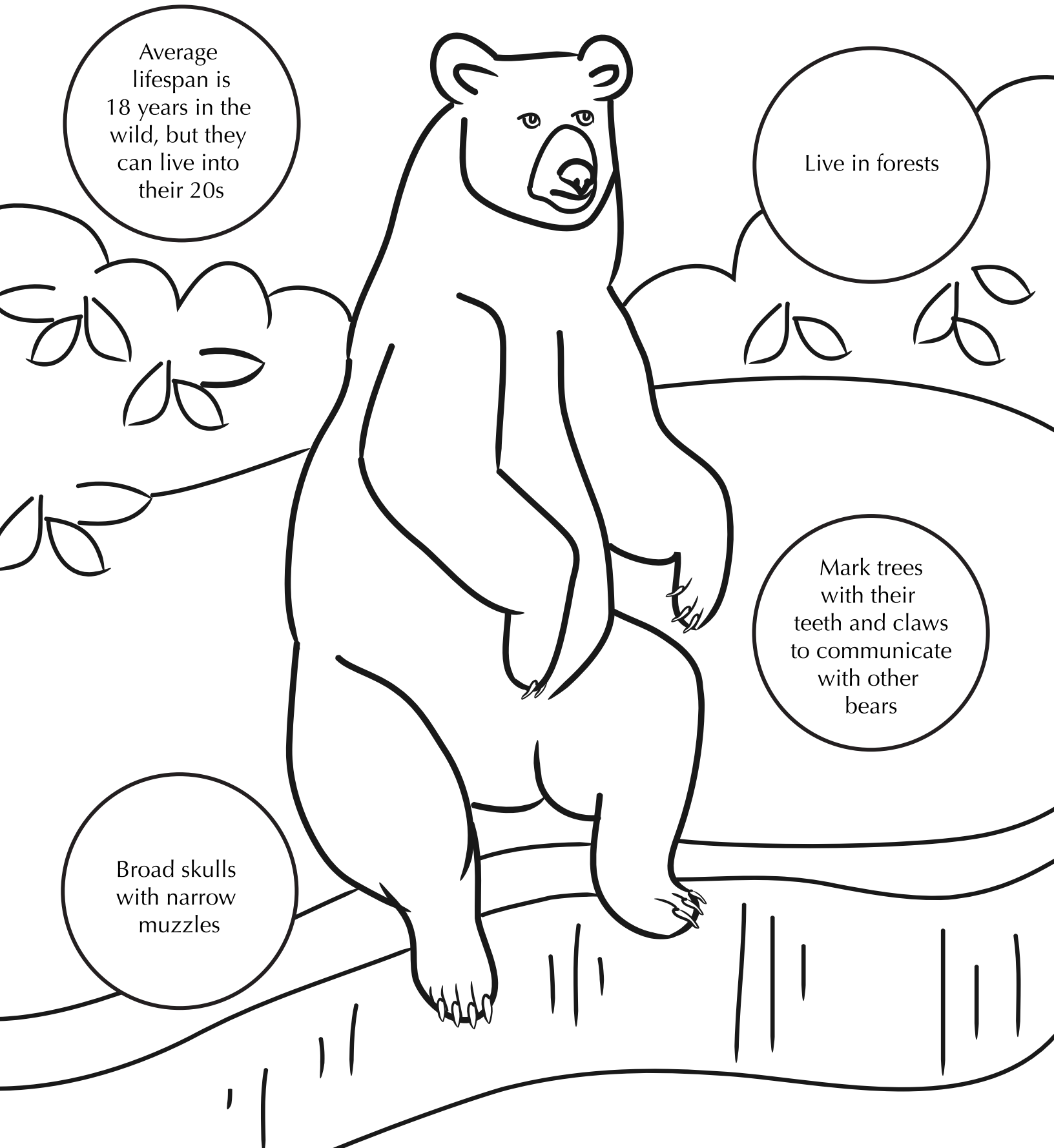
American Black Bear

Average
lifespan is
18 years in the
wild, but they
can live into
their 20s

Live in forests

Mark trees
with their
teeth and claws
to communicate
with other
bears

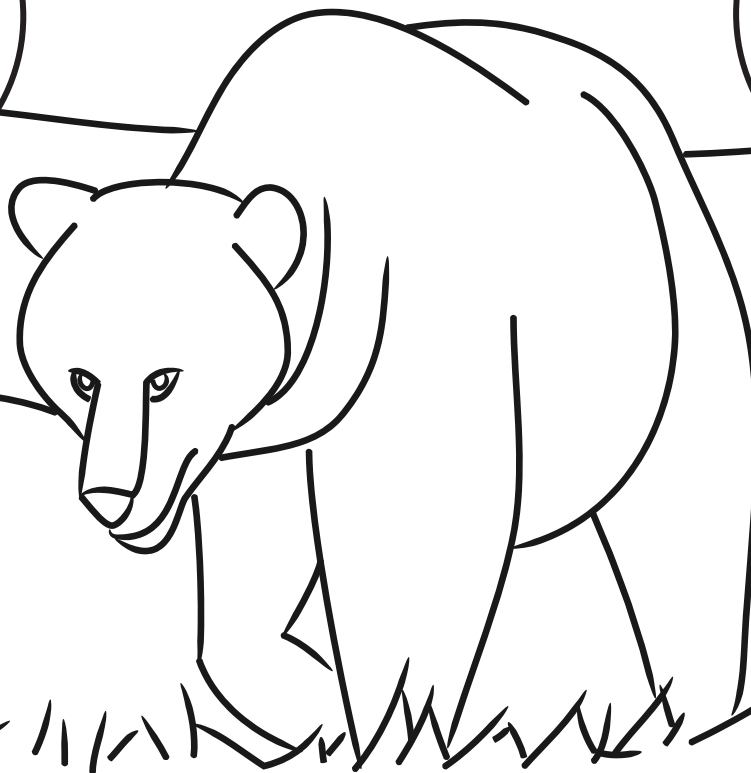
Broad skulls
with narrow
muzzles



Brown Bear/Grizzly

Grizzlies and polar bears can mate creating a grizzly/polar hybrid

Adults' weight between 220 and 1,400 pounds



Has a litter of babies, called cubs. Each litter has an average of one to four cubs

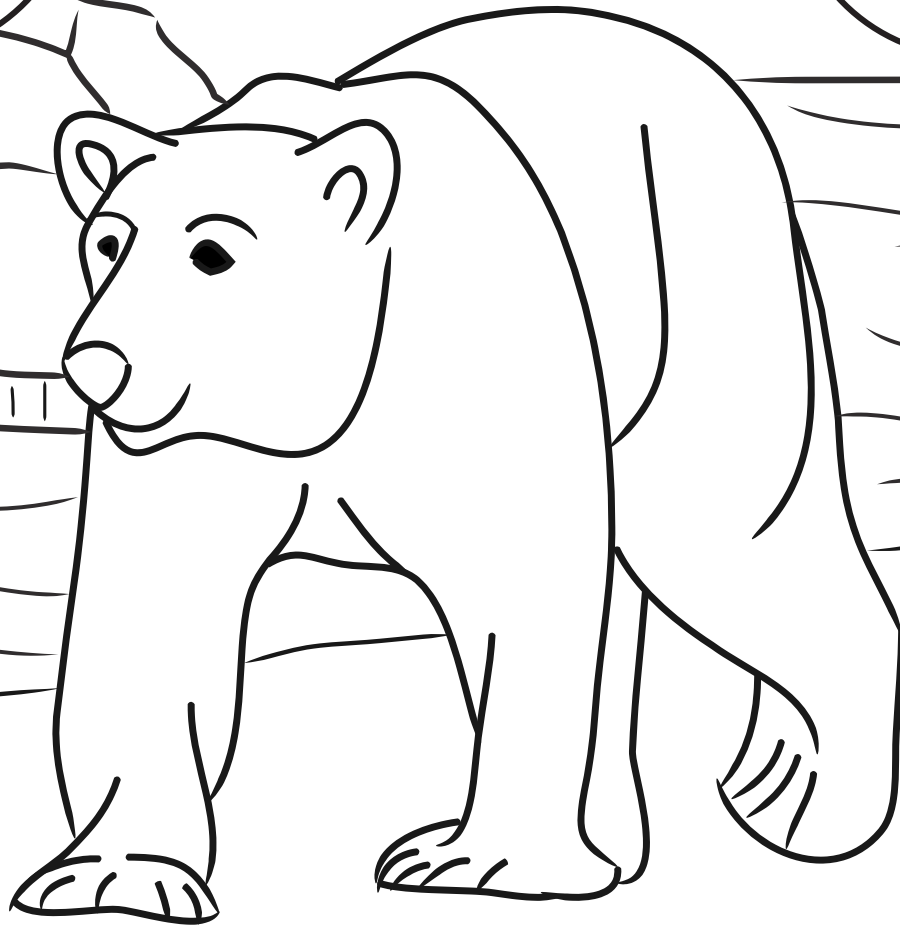
Large, curved claws

95% of the brown bears live in Alaska

Polar Bear

Insulated
with four inches
of blubber to
keep them
warm

Found in
the Arctic
Circle—Canada,
Alaska



Reach
up to 1,760
pounds. One of
the largest bears
in the world

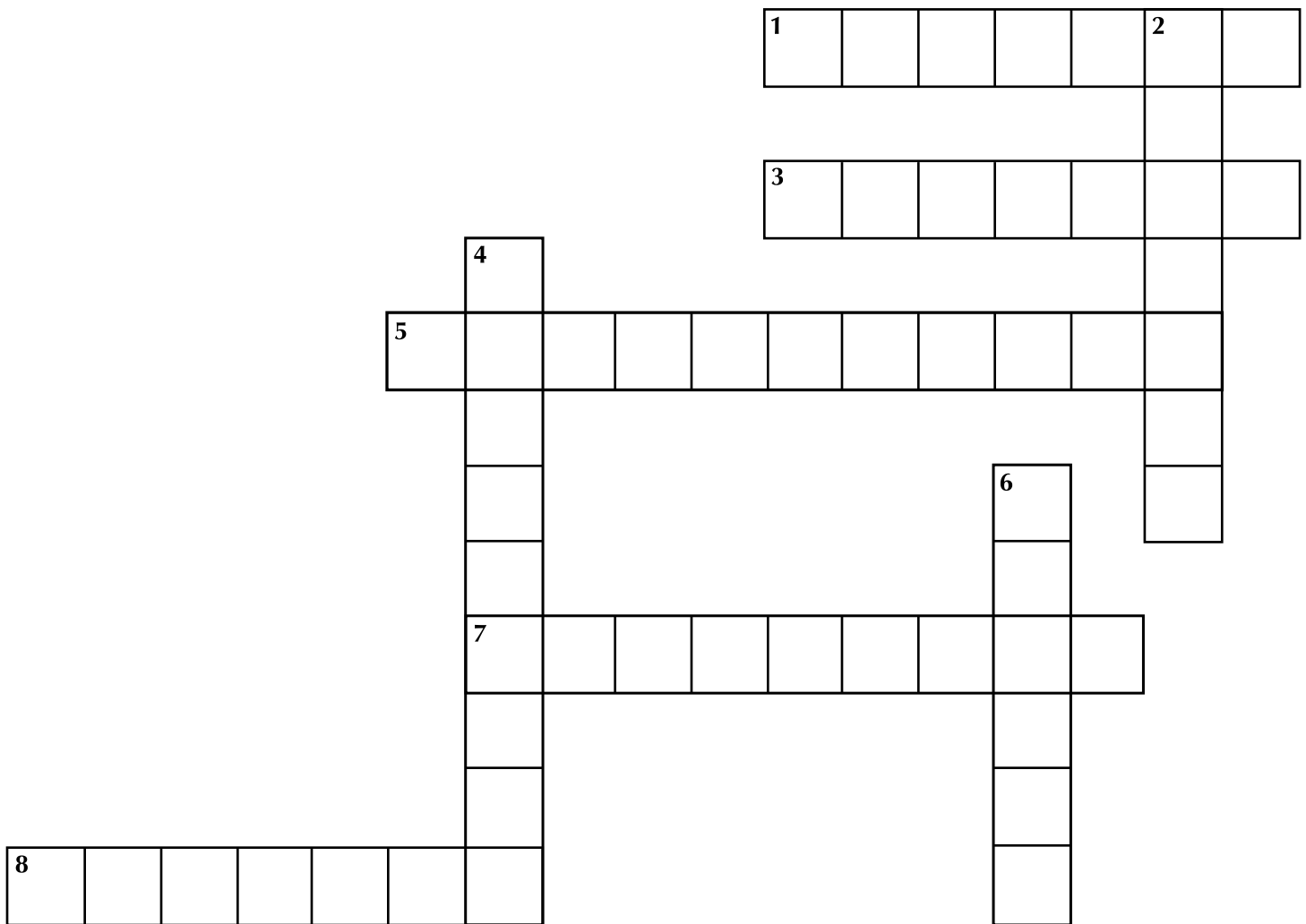
Known
as a “marine
mammal” because
of time spent
in the sea
swimming

Carnivorous
bear—meat
eater

Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the blanks using words related to North American bears.

North American Bears



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