

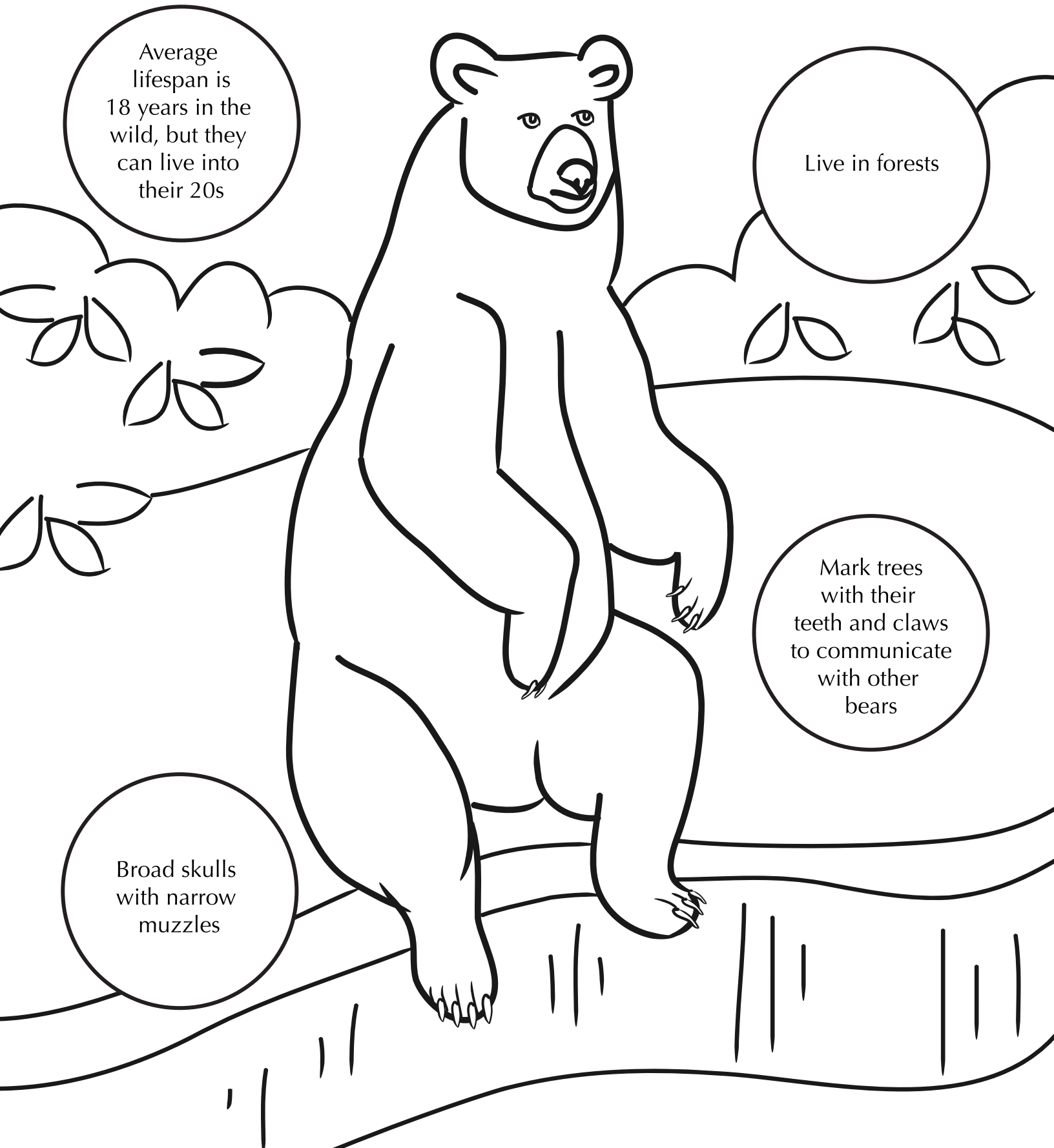
American Black Bear

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

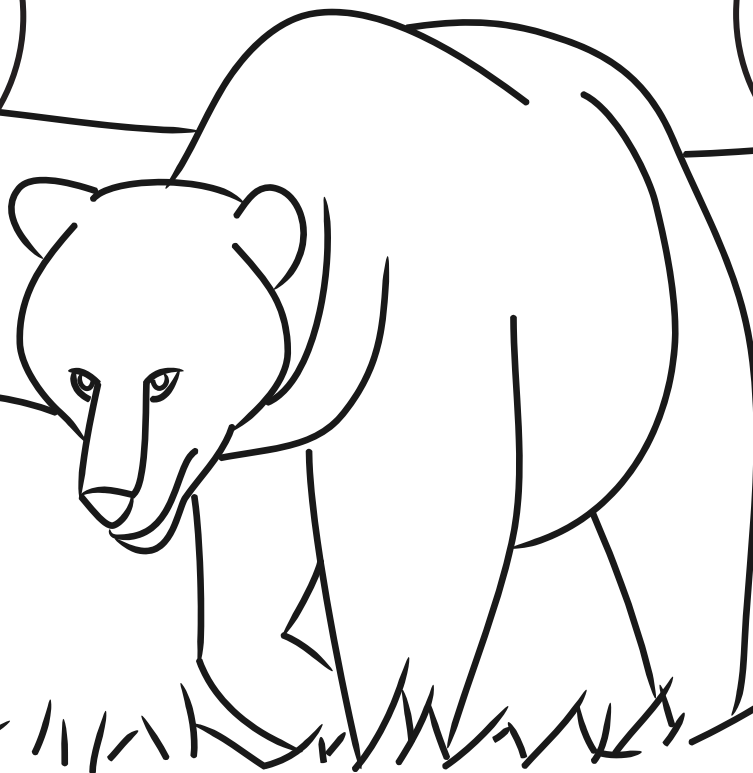
Broad skulls with narrow muzzles



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

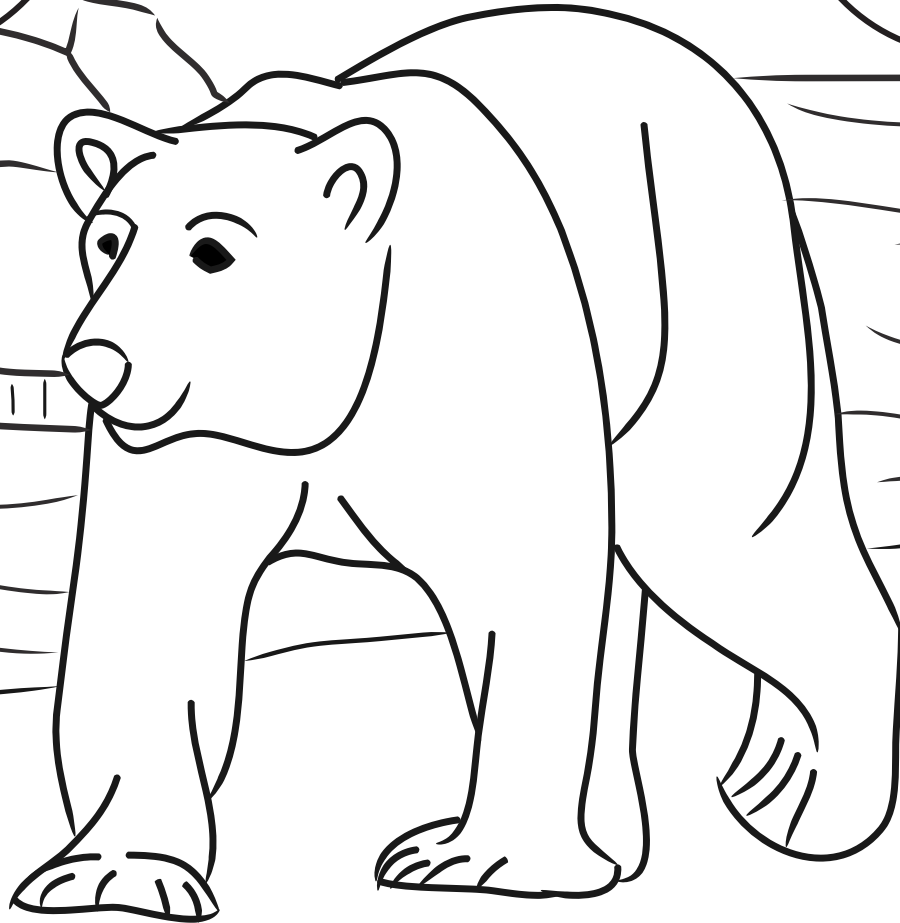
Large, curved claws

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

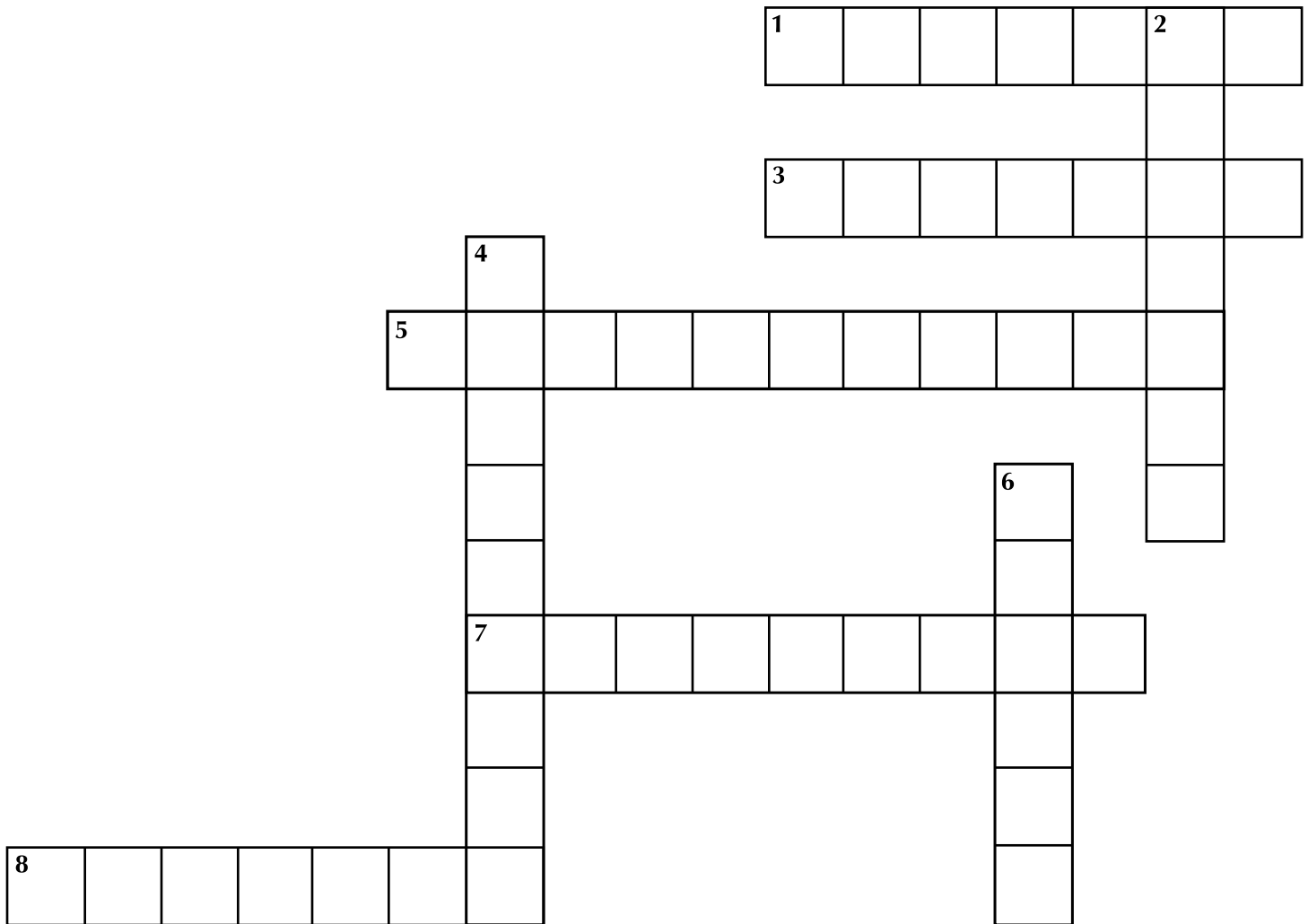
Known as a "marine mammal" because of time spent in the sea swimming

Carnivorous bear—meat eater

Crossword Puzzle

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

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