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July Enrichment Activities
Grades 3-6



Students: After reading "Around the World," write an acrostic poem about the solar system and the sun using facts from the article. Include facts about the sun and the Earth in the poem. Complete sentences are not necessary. The first letter below has been completed as an example.

T here are eight planets and the sun in our solar system.

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Students: After reading "Wildville," answer the following questions about the sun bear and its physical characteristics, feeding behaviors and habitat. Please answer in complete sentences.

1. Where in the world is the sun bear found and in what kind of habitat?
2. Describe what a sun bear looks like and include its unique physical traits.
3. What does the sun bear eat, and how does it catch its food?
4. The sun bear loves honey and finds it pretty easy to get. How is this so?
5. Is the world in danger of losing sun bears and other bear species? If yes, why do you think so?



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Answer Key

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Teachers and parents: Sample answers are below.

1. Where in the world is the sun bear found and in what kind of habitat?

The sun bear is mostly found in Southeast Asian rainforests. With a strong sense of balance and agility, sun bears climb up trees and create beds made of twigs and leaves high above the ground.

2. Describe what a sun bear looks like, including any unique physical traits.

The sun bear is notable for its small stature, usually growing to be only five feet long and between 60 to 150 pounds. What sets the sun bear apart from other bears is its tongue, which in being over 10-inches long helps it catch its prey. The sun bear uses its long tongue to catch insects, leaves, and berries and also to get honey out of beehives. A brown bear with tan markings, the sun bear is a mammal and omnivore which can live up to 25 years.

3. What does the sun bear eat, and how does it catch its food?

The sun bear eats insects, leaves, berries and is very fond of honey. Like most bear species, the sun bear is an omnivore, eating both plants and animals in the environment. It uses its long tongue to catch food and retrieve honey.

4. The sun bear loves honey and finds it pretty easy to get. How is this so?

The sun bear uses its strength and agility to easily climb trees in search of beehives and honey. Fortunately for the sun bear, it does not have much of a reaction to bee stings whenever it does find a hive. Its long tongue comes in useful for getting the honey out of the hive.

5. Is the world in danger of losing sun bears and other bear species? If yes, why do you think so?

The sun bear species is one of only eight surviving bear species and has been labeled a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. I think the sun bear is in danger because of habitat loss in rainforests.