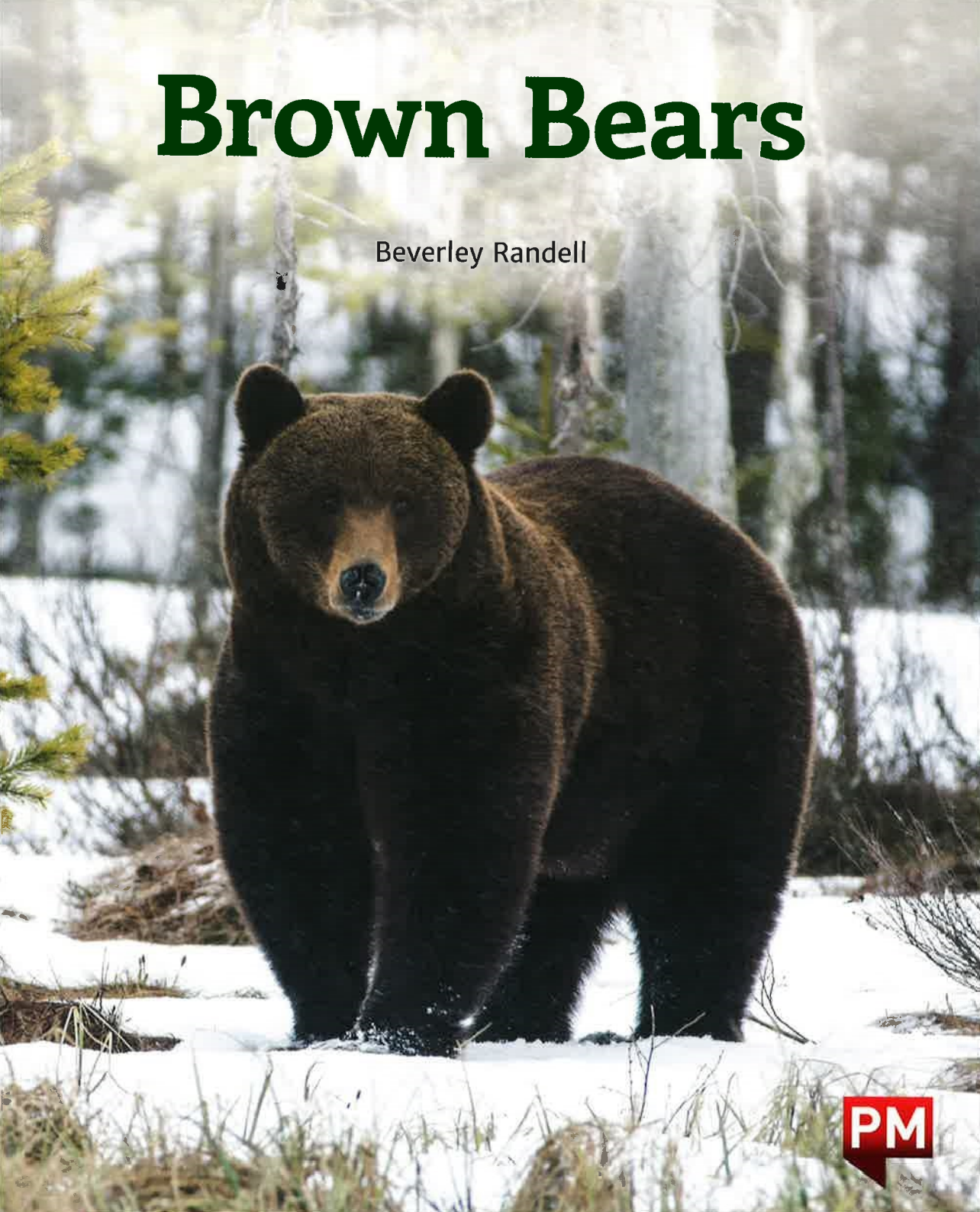
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Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Why do brown bears have thick fur?
2 Why are brown bears sometimes called 'grizzly bears'?
3 What do brown bears eat?
4 Where do brown bears dig their dens?

Inferential

5 Why are brown bears able to catch and eat lots of salmon?
6 Why are dens safe places for brown bear cubs to be born?
7 What could be dangerous for young brown bear cubs when they are out of their den?
8 Why does a mother bear teach her cubs how to find food and make a den?

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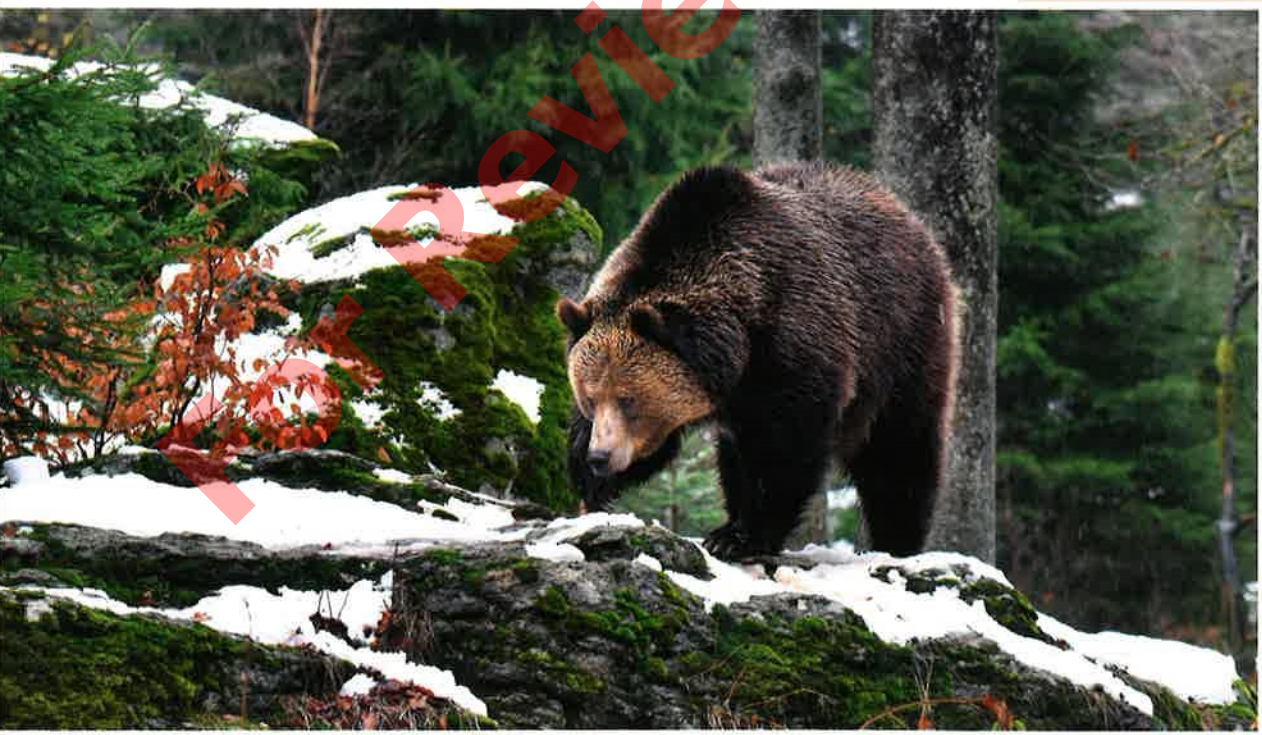
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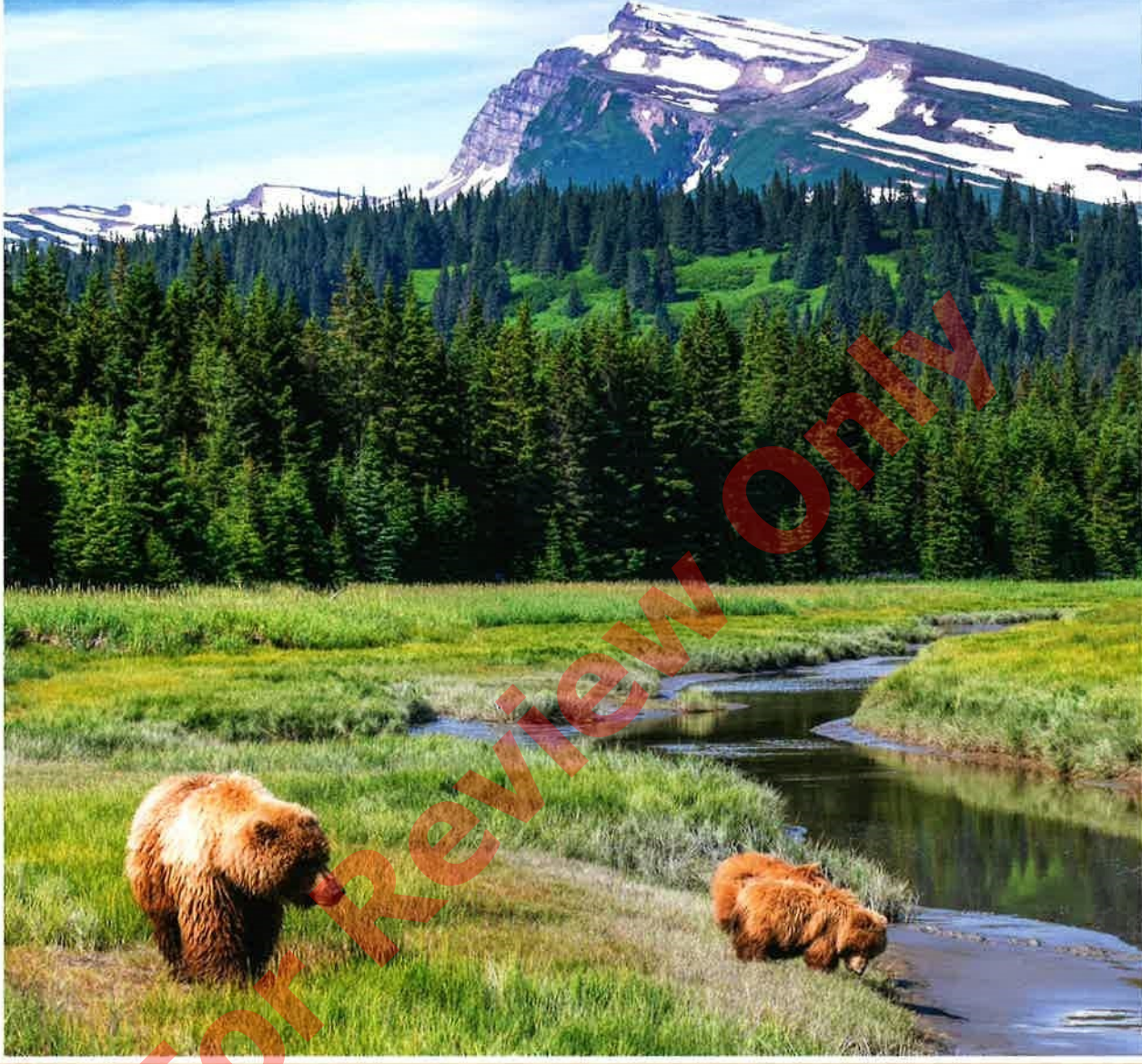
Brown Bears

Brown bears are big, strong animals. They can be found in North America and in parts of Europe and Asia.

Brown bears have thick fur, because they live in places that are very cold in winter.



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Brown bears live in forests, near rivers
and in wide grassy spaces,
where they can hunt and find food.

What Brown Bears Look Like

A brown bear has a long nose
and small eyes and ears.

A brown bear has big paws.
Each paw has five toes with long claws.



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Most brown bears have red-brown fur
or very dark brown fur.
Others have fur that is the colour of honey.

The tips of the fur on a brown bear
are grey or white.
Sometimes, brown bears are called "grizzly bears"
because of the grey tips of their fur.
The word "grizzly" means "grey".



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What Brown Bears Eat

Brown bears eat grasses, leaves, berries, flowers, nuts and mushrooms.

They can smell food even when it is far away.

They scratch the ground with their long claws, looking for **roots** to eat, too.

Sometimes, brown bears eat animals such as mice, squirrels and deer.

Brown bears take honey from bee hives, and eggs from birds' nests to eat.



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Brown bears eat honey they take from wild bee hives.

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