Coloring book

BE BEAR AWARE
There are almost as many bears as people in Alaska.

But people are a lot easier to see.
Are bears a lot like people?

Bears have

People have

Draw a line joining the parts of bears and the parts of people that are the same.
What do people like doing? Mainly playing!

Color what you like doing best.
What do bears like doing? Mainly eating!

Bears eat most of their food in late summer and fall.
THE SAFE BEAR...is a distant bear.

Do not approach a bear. 
Try not to surprise a bear.
Let’s all be bear aware

Here’s how...

1. Never feed bears.

2. Report bears that hang around people or get into garbage.

3. Never get too close to bears.

4. Hike in groups and make noise so you don’t surprise a bear.

5. Keep a clean camping spot.

6. Never explore bad smelling areas and never play near garbage dumps.

7. Learn more about bears.
1. Never feed bears.

When a bear gets food from people, it may become dangerous and have to be killed.
2. Report bears that hang around people or get into garbage.
3. Never get too close to a bear.

Is that you taking the picture?
4. Hike in groups and make noise so you don’t surprise a bear.

Use noisemakers.

Stay close together on the trail.
5. Keep a clean camping spot.
Which kind of camper are you?

Never explore bad-smelling areas.
7. Learn more about bears...

...by watching for...

- diggings
- overturned logs and rocks
- marking trees
- tracks

...and by using...

- scats
- Plaster of Paris
- binoculars
- THE BEAR FACTS
Put an X where you see trouble.
Color in the safe habits.
If you see a bear at a campsite or near your home, move slowly towards the closest, safe place. A safe place is inside a car or a building, or with a group of people standing together.

Never run from a bear. Like a dog, it may chase you.
When you are in bear country, stick with a friend.

If you surprise a bear up close in the wilderness, DON’T TURN AND RUN. Move closer to your friend.

The bear may come closer, stand upright to get a better look or circle around you to get your scent.
Wave your arms slowly and talk calmly to the bear. Help it figure out what you are.

Whoa bear... easy bear...

The bear may talk to you in its own language... popping its teeth, huffing and growling... telling you to go away.
Leave slowly, staying close to your friend... always facing the bear.

If the bear follows you, stop moving and call for help.
Do you remember the 7 rules of bear safety?

1. Never _______________ bears.

2. Report bears that hang around _______________ or get into _______________.

3. Never get too _______________ to bears.

4. Hike in _______________ and make _______________ so you don’t _______________ a bear.

5. Keep a _______________ camping spot.

6. Never explore _______________ _______________ areas and never play near garbage dumps.

7. Learn more about _______________.

Fill in the blanks using these words:

- groups
- clean
- bad smelling
- feed
- surprise
- noise
- close
- people
- bears
- garbage
Enjoy watching bears from a safe distance