

Test 4

Directions: First, read the story. Then go back and underline any word you see that has a prefix. Finally, below, write the word you underlined that matches each meaning given.

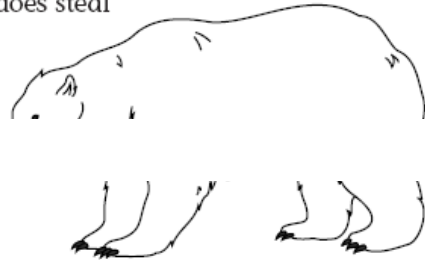
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Despite their differences, these two kinds of bears are so closely related that the two can interbreed and produce fertile hybrid offspring.



1. fur that lies below: _____
2. not able to argue with: _____
3. never ceasing: _____
4. withdrew; moved back: _____
5. invasion: _____
6. variety listed under a species: _____
7. not hampered or discouraged: _____
8. mate between species: _____
9. wild: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Answers

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1. Fur that lies below: **underfur**;
2. Not able to argue with: **indisputable**;
3. Never ceasing: **incessant**;
4. Withdrew; moved back: **retreated**;
5. Invasion: **intrusion**;
6. Variety listed under a species: **subspecies**;
7. Not hampered or discouraged: **undaunted**;
8. Mate between species: **interbreed**;
9. Wild: **untamed**.