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How Do Bears Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Delayed implantation ensures cubs are born during the mother's hibernation when it's safer and food is scarce.
2. A mother bear shows her cubs how to find food, avoid danger, and explore their environment.
3. (Example response) As a cub, I would follow my mother to find berries and watch her catch fish in the river.
4. Mother bears are protective because cubs are small and helpless, and staying safe is important for survival.

