

Andean or Spectacled Bear

Website: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/andean-spectacled-bear> Live Camera:

The spectacled bear or the Andean bear is a very unique bear. It lives in a relatively warm climate. They are known as arboreal bears, which means that they spend a lot of time in trees. They are omnivorous, which means that they eat fruits, meat, and plants. They also enjoy eating many things that people like to eat, which sometimes gets the bear into trouble. Let's learn about this beautiful and hard-to-find bear.

Now visit the website. Look at the “Fun Facts” on the right side of the webpage:

- 1) How long can the Andean bear live if cared for by people?
 - a. Ten years
 - b. Twenty-five years
 - c. Thirty-eight years
 - d. Fifty years

- 2) About how many baby bears will a mama Andean bear have?
 - a. One
 - b. One or two
 - c. Three or four
 - d. Four or five

- 3) What is strange about the Andean bear's ribs?
 - a. Nothing
 - b. They have one less than most bears
 - c. They don't have ribs
 - d. Their ribs are extra thick



FUN FACTS

Go to this section:  **ABOUT**

- 4) Look at the paragraph that starts with “Better to see you with!” Why is the bear called the spectacled bear?
 - a. White fur on its face makes it look like it is wearing glasses
 - b. It has dark fur
 - c. It can see very well
 - d. It actually makes no sense

- 5) Go the paragraph that being with “Say what?” What is one thing that the Andean bear has in common with the Panda bear?
 - a. They both eat bamboo
 - b. They both make a lot of noises
 - c. They both hide in the desert
 - d. They are the same size

Go to this section:  **HABITAT AND DIET**

- 6) Look at the first paragraph. Why are these bears hard to study for scientists?
 - a. They're very fast
 - b. They avoid human beings
 - c. They are very small

- 7) Look at the first paragraph again. In which continent do Andean bears live?
- North America
 - Asia
 - South America
 - Europe
- 8) Find the paragraph beginning with “Andean bears are true arboreal bears...” What is one major difference between the Andean bear and black and brown bears?
- Andean bears are active all year long
 - Andean bears eat more food than brown bears
 - Andean bears sleep more during the day
 - Andean bears are more dangerous than brown bears
- 9) Find the paragraph that begins with “While mostly solitary...” When do Andean bears gather together?
- Never
 - Where there is a lot of food in one area
 - Usually near rivers
 - Only for family gatherings

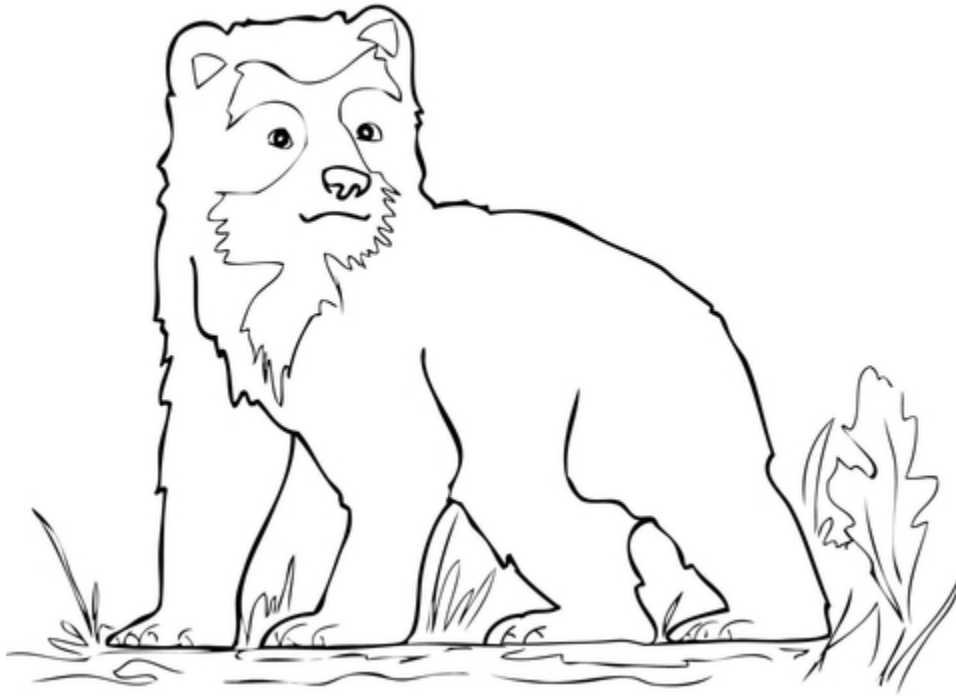
Go to this section: FAMILY LIFE

- 10) Read the first paragraph. What are Andean bear dens like? (**circle more than one**)
- They are up on cliffs
 - They are like nests
 - They are found on the ground
 - They are found under rocks and boulders

Go to this section: CONSERVATION

- 11) Read the first paragraph. Does anyone know how many Andean bears exist?
- Yes
 - No
- 12) Read the first paragraph. What are some threats to the Andean bear? (**circle more than one**)
- Their habitat is disappearing
 - They are hunted
 - They get into conflicts with human beings

Color in your own Andean bear cub. Don't forget to give him or her a name, age, and favorite snack!



Your animal's name _____

Your animal's Age _____

What country does your animal live in? _____

Your animal's favorite snack _____

Answer Key

- 1 C
- 2 B
- 3 B
- 4 A
- 5 B
- 6 B
- 7 C
- 8 A
- 9 B
- 10 B, C, D
- 11 A
- 12 A, B, C

Glossary

Arboreal (Are-bore-e-al)	Lives and spend a lot of time in trees
Spectacles (spek-tuh-coals)	Another word for eyeglasses
Solitary (Sol-uh-tare-ey)	Alone or isolated