

We told this story with learning buddies but told the story in french and gradually added food colouring to a large glass cylinder vase of water so everyone could see. Practice before hand because you have to get enough bleach in the end to really come back to clear water.

There is a mini book to accompany the story and the children colour the bears as appropriate as they listen to the story.

Colored Polar Bear Story & Activity

Once upon a time there was a beautiful white polar bear who lived on the frozen tundra of Churchill, Manitoba. This bear was waiting for the Hudson Bay to freeze and was looking forward to a fine meal of seals.

Suddenly he spied a little girl exploring the icy north in a tundra buggy. The hood of her parka was off and she had beautiful, golden and she had beautiful golden hair. As she explored the island, she soon met Mr. Polar Bear.

The children watched out the windows of the schoolhouse as the bear wished he had golden hair like Tatiana's. He shut his eyes tightly and wished very hard for golden hair.

Now will you just shut your eyes for a moment and help polar bear make his wish?

(Teacher puts 2 drops of yellow food coloring in bear bottle)

Now you may open your eyes!

AMAZING!

A blond polar bear- Oh, my goodness!

Do you know what the children shouted out the windows of the schoolhouse? Do you think they liked a BLOND polar bear?

Teacher gets children to slap, slap, clap, clap, and snap and say:

POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR
YOU ARE A SIGHT!
YOUR COLOR WAS RIGHT
WHEN YOU WERE WHITE

Ours blanc, ours blanc
un instant
Un ours blanc est
toujours blanc

Mr. Polar Bear was MIGHTY SAD! He thought the children would like his new golden color! He climbed on an iceberg and began to think about his problem.

Now, as Mr. Bear rested, he caught a new scent in the air. What did he smell? As he raised his head and looked around, he saw a young boy coming closer.

Rene was from the GREEN forests of Canada. He wore a green hat, a green sweater, green pants, and green boots. Guess what he had in his pocket? Rene had a GREEN lollipop! Polar Bear thought GREEN must be the most beautiful color in the world! Maybe he should be

a green bear. He shut his eyes and began to wish he was green. Can you help Mr. Bear?

(Teacher puts 2 drops of blue in)

Now he was a GREEN polar bear!! But the children said:

(slap,slap...repeat chant above)

POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR
YOU ARE A SIGHT!
YOUR COLOR WAS RIGHT
WHEN YOU WERE WHITE

Ours blanc, ours blanc
un instant
Un ours blanc est
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Now this made Mr. Bear feel real bad. He pouted and pouted. Polar bear began to walk across the snow. As he topped a big snow drift, he met COUSIN BROWN BEAR from Kodiak Island. Cousin Brown Bear had followed the path of green tears that came from polar bear.

The two bears had a nice, long visit and before long, Polar Bear began to admire his SMART COUSIN. The Kodiak Bear is the world's largest bear and gets angry very quickly. Polar Bear thinks maybe the children would like him if he were brown instead. Let's shut our eyes and wish with Polar Bear.

(Teacher adds 2 drops of red, and children repeat chant above)

Polar Bear felt so bad, he ran away from the children and dove in the ice cold waters of the Bering Sea. Polar bears are the best swimmers of all bears. His thick, heavy fur was now BROWN and looked quite strange as the children of Gambel watched him swim DEEP, DEEP, DEEP into the sea.

Now, if you will just shut your eyes and think about Polar Bear swimming around under the cold, cold water, a tiny bit of Alaska magic might happen.

(Teacher bleaches the water, while their eyes are closed, and continues to talk about polar bear swimming while the bleach takes effect)

Polar Bear swims up, up, up, up, to the surface and guess what!

Children chant:

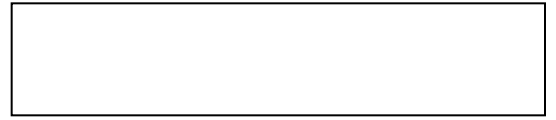
POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR
Your color IS right!
WE LOVE YOU!
WE LOVE YOU!
YOU ARE WHITE!

Ours blanc, ours blanc
un instant!
Un ours blanc est
toujours blanc!

Polar Bear decided NEVER to change his color again. After all, polar bears are supposed to be WHITE, RIGHT? The End

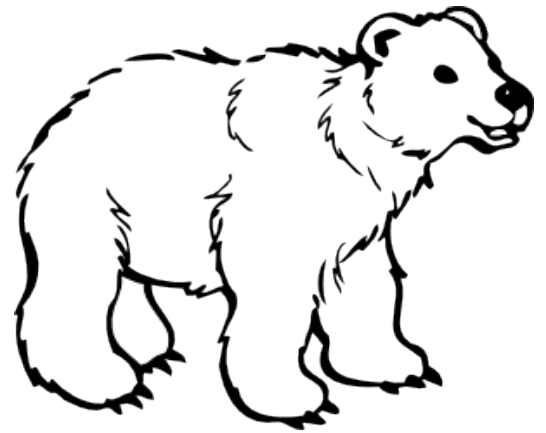
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You are a sight!
Your colour was right
When you were white!

l'ours blanc



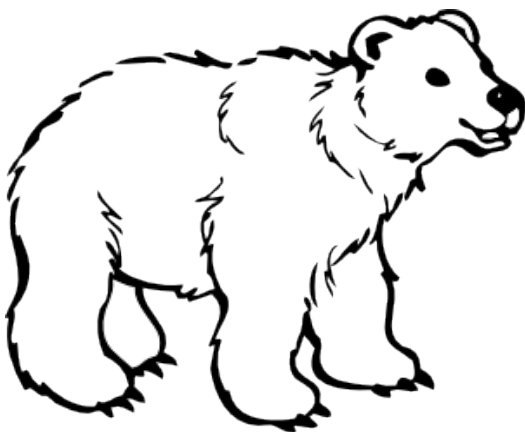
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Il est blanc.

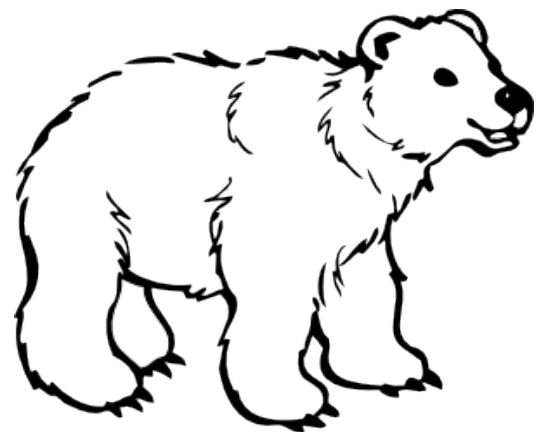


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Il est jaune.

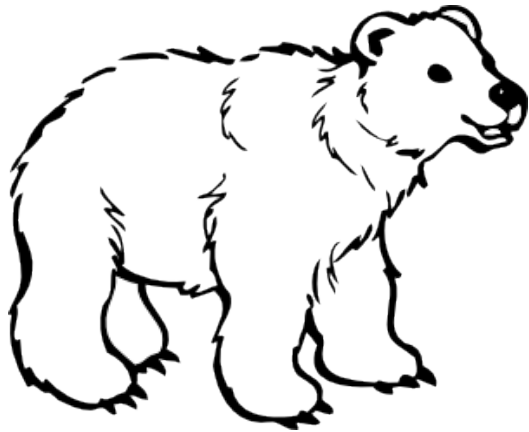


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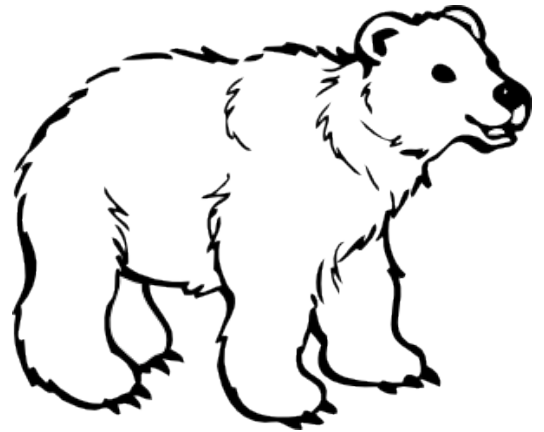
Il est blanc.



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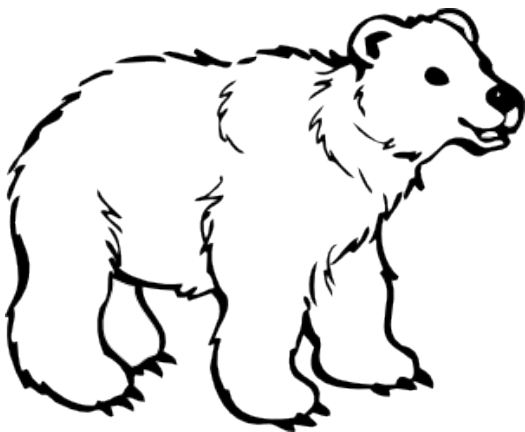
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Un ours blanc est
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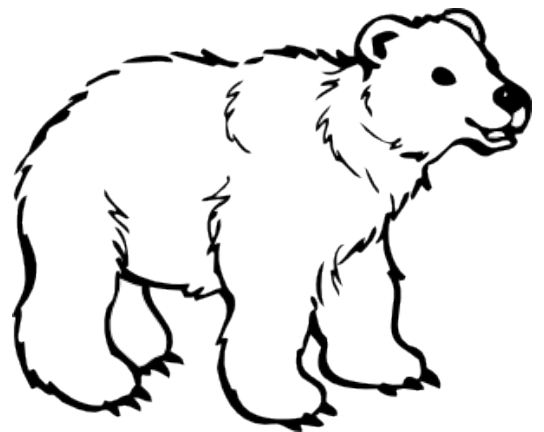
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Il est vert.



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Il est brun.

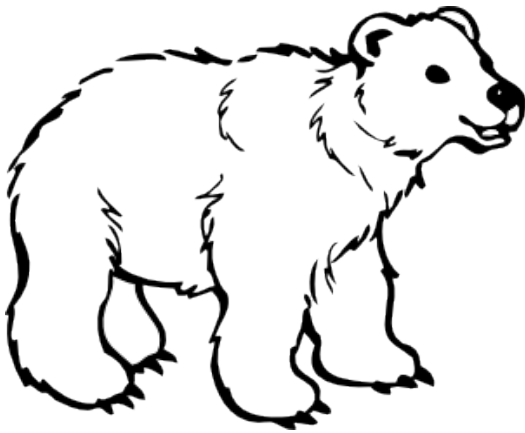
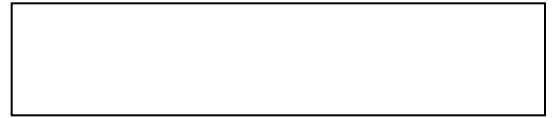


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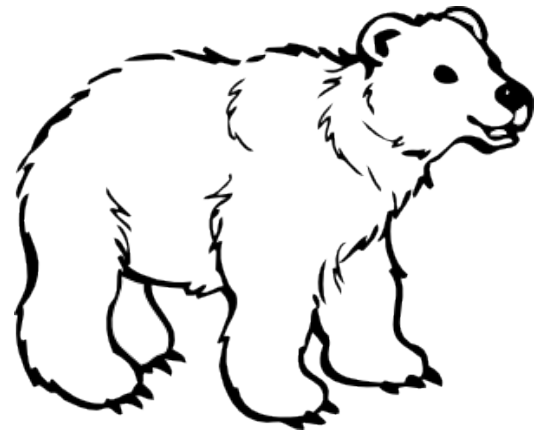
I can read my story.
I read to a friend at school.
I read to a parent.
We read another story together.

Polar bear



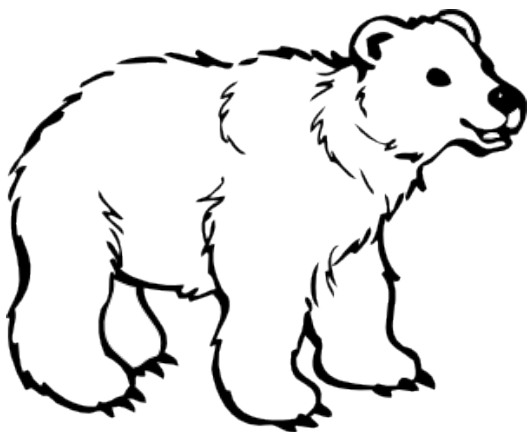
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His fur is
white.

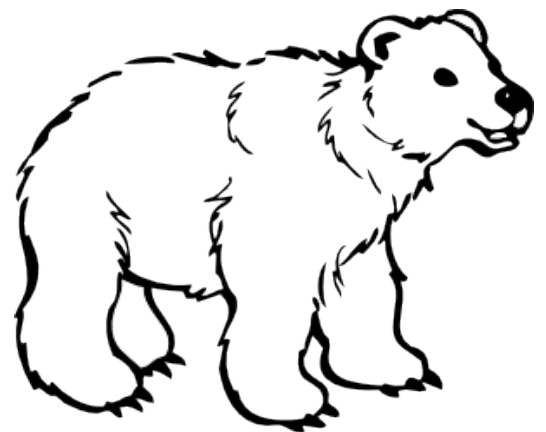


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His fur is
yellow.

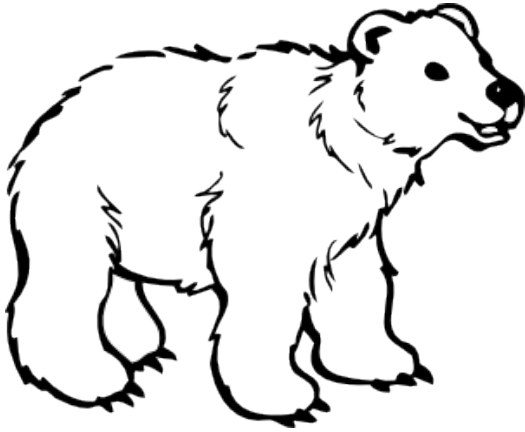


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His fur is
white.



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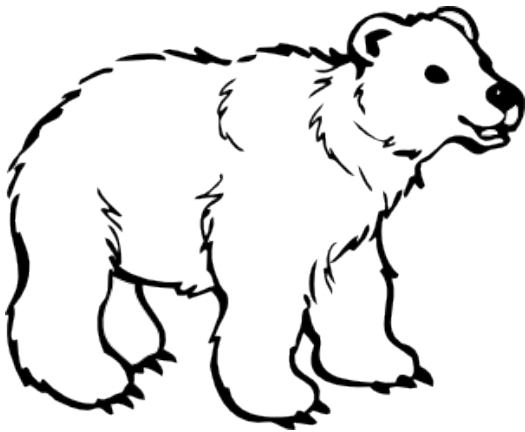
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You are a sight!

Your colour was right
When you were white!



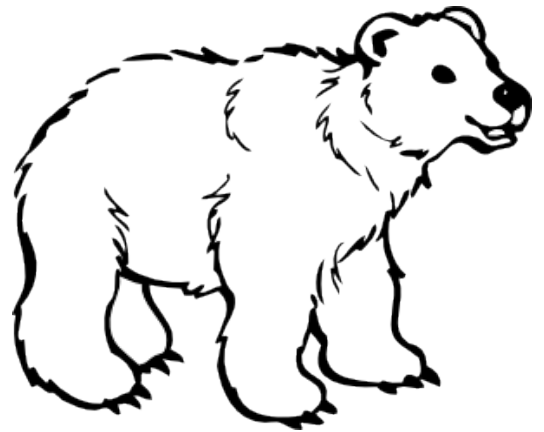
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His fur is
green.



4

His fur is
brown.



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