

Animals Hibernate in Winter

All: Some animals hibernate in winter.

Reader 1: Most animals eat large amounts before hibernating.

Reader 2: This adds body fat to nourish them through the winter.

Reader 3: They look for a safe place to spend the winter.

Reader 4: Some protective places might be a cave, den, or burrow.

Reader 5: True hibernators go into a very deep sleep.

Reader 1: The animal's body temperature drops.

Reader 2: Their breathing slows down.

Reader 3: These hibernating animals are hard to awaken.

Reader 4: Other hibernating animals awaken to eat or move around.

Reader 5: Then they go back to sleep for the rest of the winter.

All: When they awaken in the spring, they are very hungry.



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