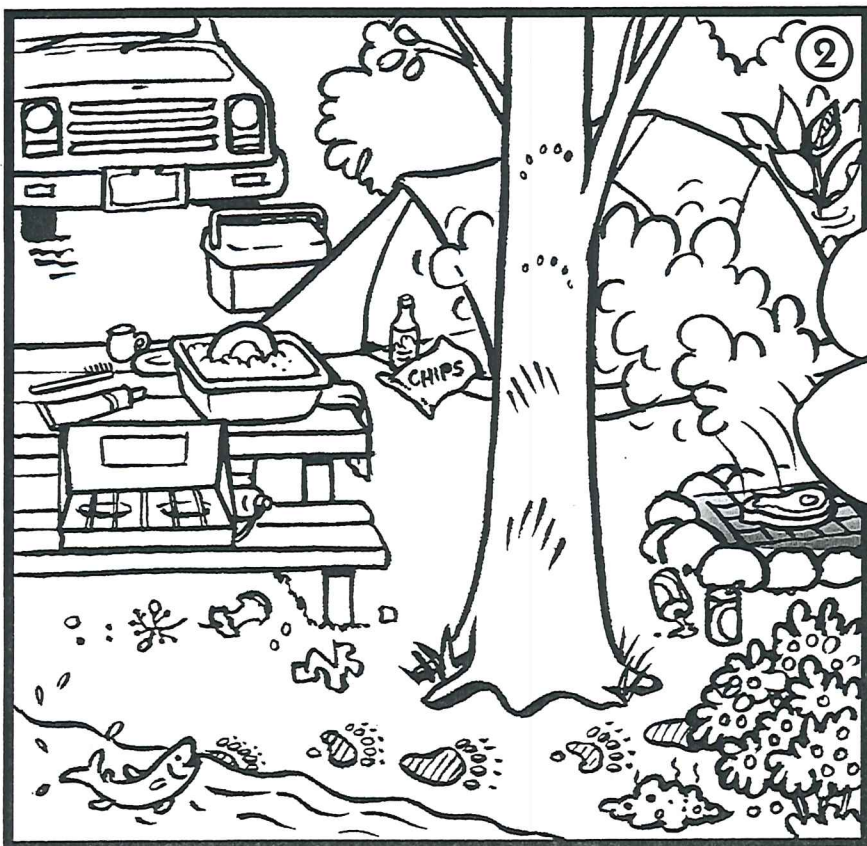
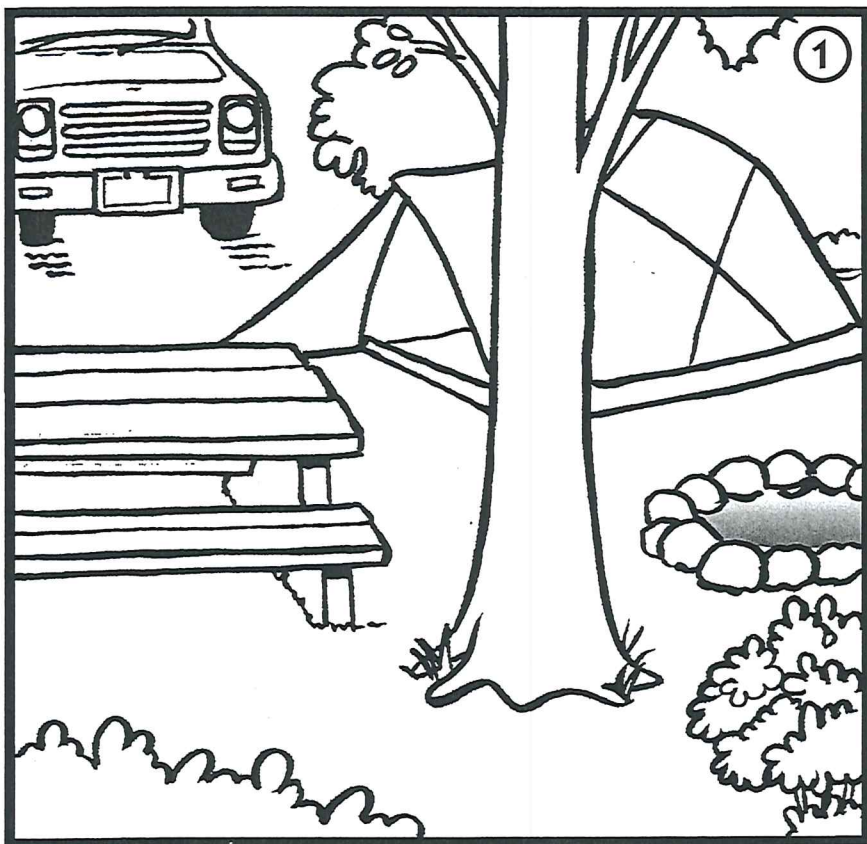


# Keep a 'Bare' Campsite --not a 'Bear' Campsite



## Find the differences

Spot the differences between these two campsites. Write your answers on the lines below. In which campsite do you think the bears would get into trouble? Turn the page to check your answers.

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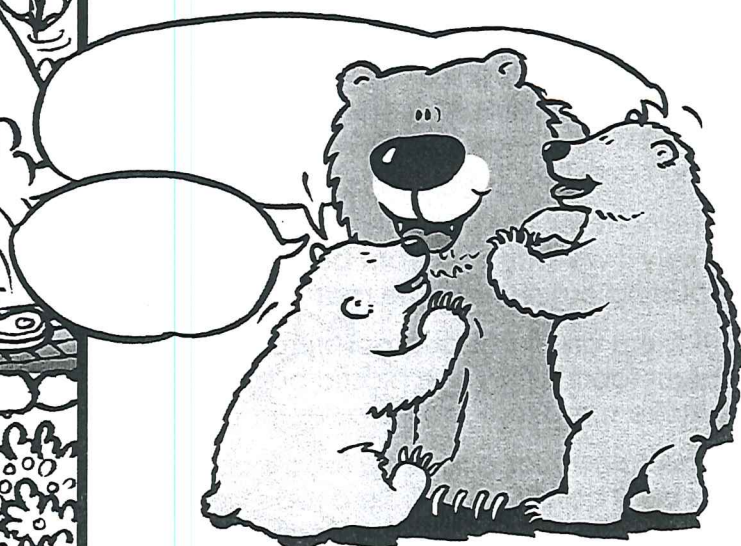
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This bear family is discussing dinner. What could they be saying to each other? Fill in the speech bubbles.



# Bear Safety in the Campground

The bear family would get into trouble in campsite #2. It smells like food and looks interesting to them! If your family likes to go camping, get your parents to read this page too.

## 1. There is food in the tent.

- Never eat or take food into your tent. Keep food out of reach and at least 100 metres away from your tent. If possible, use bear proof containers.
- If there are cooking odours or spilled food on your clothes, change before going to bed. Store your clothes away from your tent.

## 2. The cooler, campstove and fuel container are left out.

- Even if this cooler contains only ice and pop cans, it could attract a bear. Bears are smart and coolers are not bear proof.
- Campstoves, fuel and dishes should be stored at least 100 metres from your campsite.

## 3. There are food wrappers, empty cans, bottles, fruit and other food scraps on the ground.

- Garbage should be put in the campground's bear-proof containers. Otherwise it should be stored securely with your food and packed out. Once bears have tasted tidbits from a campsite, they will return looking for another easy meal.

## 4. There is a dishpan with dirty dishes on the table.

- Wash dishes right after eating and dump the water at least 100 metres from your campsite.

## 5. Cooking smoke is blowing onto the tent.

- People should cook at least 100 metres away from their tents and try to keep cooking odours from blowing into the direction of the tent.
- It's smart to cook where you can see bears at a distance. Plan what you would do if a bear approached while dinner was being cooked.

## 6. There are berry bushes and a skunk cabbage patch near the campsite.

- It's not wise to set up camp near natural bear foods.

## 7. This camp is set up beside a stream.

- Bears like to fish. Bears and people cannot hear each other over the noise of a stream and neither one likes to be surprised.

## 8. There are bear scratches on the tree and bear tracks and \*scat all over.

- Obviously bears hang out here! Keep an eye out for signs of bears before choosing a campsite.

**Bears would find campsite #1 boring. Nothing to eat or play with!**

**These campers have chosen a spot free of bear sign and have stored their food properly. Here are a few more good suggestions for your parents.**

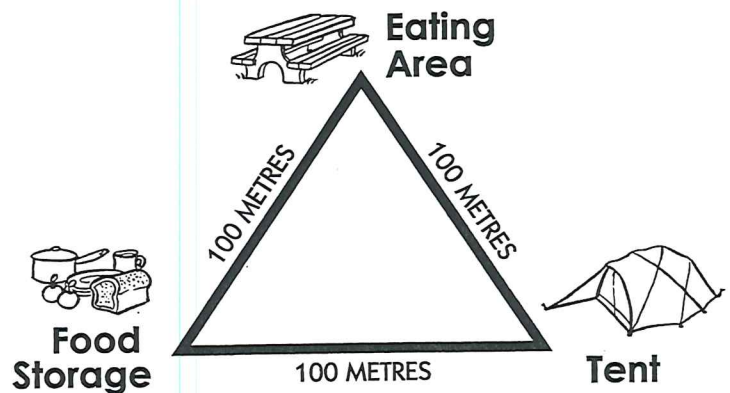
In public campgrounds use bear-proof food storage lockers. As a last resort, store your food in the car. But keep in mind, bears are strong and they can break into cars.

Remember, the less smelly your food, the more likely it will stay safe from bears. Frying bacon is like putting out a welcome mat for bears.

If there are no bear-proof storage lockers, seal your food tightly in a plastic bag, or even two. Make sure there are no holes for odour to escape.

The safest place to keep food is up in the air where a bear can't reach it. Tie a rope between two trees at least 7 metres apart and 6 metres above the ground. Hang the food bag or garbage from the middle of the line with another rope.

Look at this drawing of the 'triangle method'. It is the best way to camp safely. The last thing you want is a hungry bear in your tent!



**Remember, what YOU do really matters!**

