

- Bears -

Imagine that you are in Western Canada.// The sun is setting.// You walk between the trees.// You smell the **moss** covered **pin**es.// Maple leaves as big as your head / **blanket** the ground, / but purple and white **hydrangeas** / are still in bloom.// Suddenly, the birds go silent.// The forest is still.// For a while, you can only hear / your own heart and your own breath.// Then the leaves shift and the **bushes** part.// There is a **flash** of white / in the green-brown world.// You have seen a spirit bear.// To the **natives**, a god; / to the **Westernized**, an **apex predator**.// It is a white black bear.//

Let us compare a bear to a man.// Arnold Schwarzenegger / was 190cm tall, and 108 kg of muscle.// A Kodiak bear might be 630kg, / and as tall as Arnold when it sits down.// It can run 50km/h, / and smell you from 20km away.// The bear is the lord of the wood.//

あなたはいま、カナダ西部にいる // 太陽が沈みかけていて // 木々の間
を歩くと // 苔むした松の香りが漂ってくる // 頭ほどもある大きなカエ
デの葉が / 地面いっばいに積もっているのに / 紫や白のアジサイは / そ
の間から顔をのぞかせている // 突然、鳥たちが鳴きやんで // 森がしんと
静まる // しばらくの間、唯一聞こえるのは / 自分の心音と呼吸だけ //
そのとき、葉が揺れ、しげみが割れ // 白い閃光が走る / 緑と茶色の世界に
// あなたはスピリット・ベアを見たのだ // 先住民にとっては神 / 西洋の
人にとっては、(食物連鎖の) 頂点に立つ肉食動物 // 白いクロクマであ
る //

では、クマと人間をくらべてみよう // アーノルド・シュワルツェネッガー
は / 身長190cm、体重108kgの筋肉の塊だった // コディアックグマは
630kgになることもあり / 座っただけでアーノルドと同じくらいの高さにな
る // 時速50キロで走ることができ / 20キロ先にいる人の匂いもかぎわけ
る // クマは森の王さまだ //

Vocabulary and Phrases

imagine	想像する	bush	しげみ
moss	苔	flash	ちらりと見える
pine	松	native	先住民
blanket	敷き詰める	Westernize	西洋化する
hydrangeas	アジサイ	apex predator	頂点捕食者

Total Number of words used

: 156 words

Time for 100 wpm

: 94 sec.

Time for 120 wpm

: 78 sec.

Your BEST TIME

: sec.



【Listen & Fill Blank】

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Let us compare a _____ to a man. Arnold Schwarzenegger was 190cm tall, and 108 kg of _____. A Kodiak bear might be 630kg, and as tall as Arnold when it sits down. It _____ run 50kmh, and smell you from 20km away. The bear is the _____.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What is a spirit bear?

Question 2: How does a bear compare to a man?

Question 3: Do you like bears? Why or why not?

Ask 1: 答えが「maple leaf」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Arnold Schwarzenegger についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: The spirit bear is a white black bear, a god, lord of the wood, an apex predator.

Sample Answer 2: Bears are bigger and stronger and heavier and faster than a man.

Sample Answer 3: I like bears because of Winnie-the-Pooh.
I do not like bears because they smell bad.
I like bears because they are scary.
Etc...

Sample Question 1: What leaf can be as big as a man's head?
What is the leaf of Canada?
Etc...

Sample Question 2: Who is Arnold?
Why do people like Arnold?
How tall is Arnold?
Etc...

Sample Question 3: Why are bears so big?
How does a black bear turn white?
How long does the hydrangea bloom in Western Canada?
Etc...