



# BEAR SNORES ON

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**\*\* REMEMBER: HAVE FUN AND THE KIDS WILL TOO! \*\***

## OVERVIEW

### ABOUT THE BOOK

One by one, a whole host of different animals and birds find their way out of the cold and into Bear's cave to warm up. But even after the tea has been brewed and the corn has been popped, Bear just snores on! See what happens when he finally wakes up and finds his cave full of uninvited guests -- all of them having a party without him!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Karma Wilson (1946-) was an only child who grew up in Idaho and developed a love of reading at an early age. Karma never considered a writing career until she and her husband used a tax refund to buy a computer. Determined to make the machine pay for itself, Karma learned to type and decided to try her hand at writing. After countless rejections, *Bear Snores On* was released in 2002 and made it on both The New York Times and Publishers Weekly bestseller lists for children's books. Since then, she has had more than 30 other books accepted for publication. Her title *Bear Says Thanks* made The New York Times Best Seller List for 2012. ([karmawilson.com](http://karmawilson.com))

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jane Chapman is the best-selling illustrator of *Bear Snores On* and *Bear Wants More* by Karma Wilson, as well as *Mommy Mine* by Tim Warnes, her husband. Jane and Tim live in rural southwest England with their son, Noah, and share a studio at home with views of the open countryside. ([harpercollins.com](http://harpercollins.com))

## THE READ ALOUD

### BEFORE READING

Use these before reading the story to help students activate background knowledge and make predictions:

- Look at the cover. What is Bear doing? Where do you think bear is sleeping (cave or den)? Do you know why bears sleep in winter? (hibernation)
- We are going to meet some forest animals who go into Bear's cave to warm up. Let's read and see what happens .

### DURING THE STORY

Use these while reading the story to help students interpret the action and content.

## BEAR SNORES ON

### TOPICS & THEMES:

- Bears
- Winter
- Hibernation
- Forest animals
- Rhyming stories

### *Tips for every book!*

#### POWER PHRASES:

#### *I WONDER...*

#### *I NOTICE...*

#### *TELL ME MORE...*

#### DIGGING DEEPER:

*"Tell me more, why do you think that?"*

*"How do you know that?"*

*"Why do you think they feel like that?"*

*"Interesting, did you notice anything else?"*

- (p. 1) I wonder who is sleeping in there. What's another word for lair? (cave)
- (p. 2) What are the rhyming words on this page? (tight, night)
- (p. 3) (see Bringing the Book to Life below) We're going to do this whenever we find the phrase "the bear snores on" in the book. How will we know where that phrase is? (words are written differently)
- (p. 4-5) I wonder what the mouse is going to do? Where do you think he went? (lair)
- (p. 9) (reader: point to the phrase "the bear snores on") Here it comes: Bear snores on (children snore)
- (p. 10-11) Who is at the entrance and wants to get warm? What food did badger bring to share?
- (p. 12-13) I noticed there are more forest animals wanting to get warm. How are they staying warm?
- (p. 14-15) What are the forest animals doing? I wonder if the bear will wake up?
- (p. 16-17) See if the students can finish the rhyme
- (p. 18-19) Why do you think the animals freeze?
- (p. 22-23) Why is the bear so sad? I wonder what the animals will do.
- (p. 24-25) How is the bear feeling now? Why can't bear sleep?
- (p. 26) snore

## AFTER READING

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*Use these after reading the story to help students understand what they just read.*

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Do you think this story is real? Do bears hibernate? Do animals talk? Hmm.

## BRINGING THE BOOK TO LIFE!

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- (p. 3) Whenever I say "Bear snores on", you snore. Let me hear you snore now.
- (p. 20-21) Let's do whatever the words say that bear is doing.
- What were some of the animals that came into Bear's lair?
- Do you think you could sleep for months (hibernate) like Bear?

## COOPERATIVE LEARNING

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- Turn to your neighbor and see how many of the animals from the story you can remember together.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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- Using magazines and paper plates, cut out food for a potluck party.
- Make a bear puppet out of a paper bag.