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### **A Bear's Cub Adventure**

Bears have an excellent sense of smell and very keen hearing; and scent the faintest odour from a great distance. This is fortunate for them as they very short-sighted.

A breeze arose, wafting the odour of something sweet towards Mishook the bear cub. What could it be? The cub did not know, but his mother and the elder ones recognised the aroma of honey.....

With hurried steps the whole bear family set off in search of the prize. They trotted along for about a kilometre before they reached the old decayed tree-trunk where the bees had taken their abode. The poor bees saw the plunderers and immediately sounded an alarm. They then defended their store of honey .... by fiercely stinging the bears.

But the mother bear and her cubs ..... calmly continued their feast of honey, their thick fur protecting them against the attacks of the bees. One angry bee, however, plunged its sting into Mishook's nose. He growled furiously, shook his head, jumped, snorted, turned round like a spinning top and it was with great difficulty that he managed to beat off the troublesome insect with his paws. But this repulse did not by any means prevent him from tasting his share of the honey, of which he immediately became fond.

*Baby Mishook by Leon Golschmann*

### **Please read the text carefully and use this to answer the questions**

1. What words in the first and second paragraph means smell?

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2. Define the words:

Abode: \_\_\_\_\_

Decay: \_\_\_\_\_

Repulse: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was the consequence of the bears starting to eat the honey?

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4. Explain in your own words the why Mishook was angry.

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5. Why were the bears not affected by the stinging bees?

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6. Where was the hive?

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7. Do you think the bears are right to eat the bee's honey?

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8. Explain your answer to question 7 ?

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