

Here is a Cave

Here is a cave. (bend fingers to form cave)

Inside is a bear. (Put thumb inside fingers)

Now he comes out. (thumb out)

To get some fresh air.

He stays out all summer

In sunshine and heat.

He hunts in the forest

For berries to eat. (move thumb in a circle)

When the snow starts to fall

He hurries inside.

His warm little cave (thumb in)

And there he will hide.

Snow covers the cave

Like a fluffy white rug. (cover with another hand)

Inside the bear sleeps

All cozy and snug

Where Is Bear?

Tune = "Where Is Thumbkin?"
(substitute any hibernating animal)

Where is bear?

Where is bear?

Here I am.

Here I am.

How are you this winter?

Very tired, thank you.

Go to sleep.

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The animals I use are bear, rabbit, groundhog, raccoon, chipmunk, and skunk. The kids really enjoy this, especially if I let them call out which animal we're looking for.

Hibernation (Tune= "Alouette")

Hibernation, time for hibernation.
Hibernation, time to go to sleep.

In the winter where's the bear?

Sleeping in its log or lair.

Where's the bear? Log or lair. OH!

CHORUS

In the winter where's the frog?

Sleeping by a pond or log.

Where's the frog? Pond or log. OH!

CHORUS

In the winter where's the snake?

In the mud beneath the lake.

Where's the snake? Beneath the lake. OH!

CHORUS

In the winter where's the bat?

In a cave is where its at.

Where's the bat? In a cave. OH!

CHORUS

Hibernation Song (Tune = "Are You Sleeping")

Bear is sleeping, bear is sleeping

In the cave, in the cave.

I wonder when he'll come out,

I wonder when he'll come out,

In the spring, In the spring.

Birds are flying, birds are flying

In the sky, in the sky.

I wonder when they'll come back,

I wonder when they'll come back,

In the spring, in the spring.

Going on a Bear Hunt

Would you like to go on a bear hunt?

Okay – all right – come on – let's go!

Open the gate – close the gate. (clap hands)

Coming to a bridge -- can't go over it -- can't go under it.

Let's cross it. (Thump chest with fists)

Coming to a river -- can't go over it -- can't go under it.

Let's swim it. (Swim)

Coming to a tree-- can't go over it -- can't go under it.

Let's climb it. (Climb up)

No bears! (Climb down)

Coming to a wheat field-- can't go over it -- can't go under it.

Let's go through it! (Rub palms together to make swishing noise)

Oh! Oh! I see a cave – it's dark in here. (Cover eyes)

I see two eyes – I feel something furry. (Reach out hand)

It's a bear!

Let's go home! (Run in place)

Through the wheat field!

Run past the tree!

Swim across the river!

Cross the bridge!

Go through the gate!

Slam the gate!