

Pre-reading work

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Skimming and scanning for information

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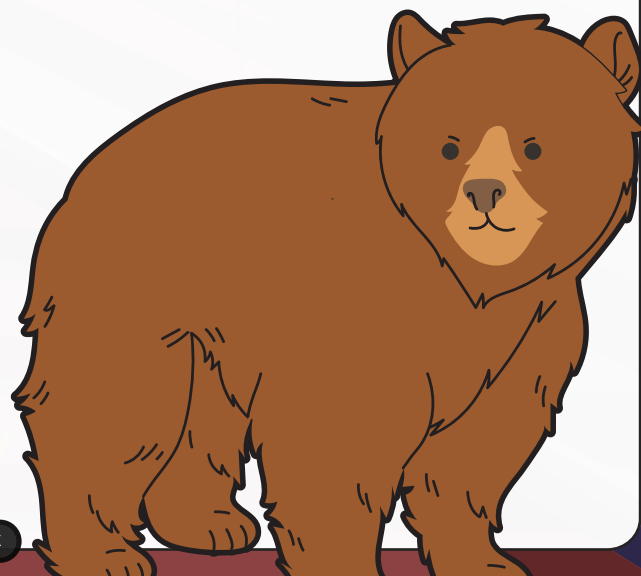
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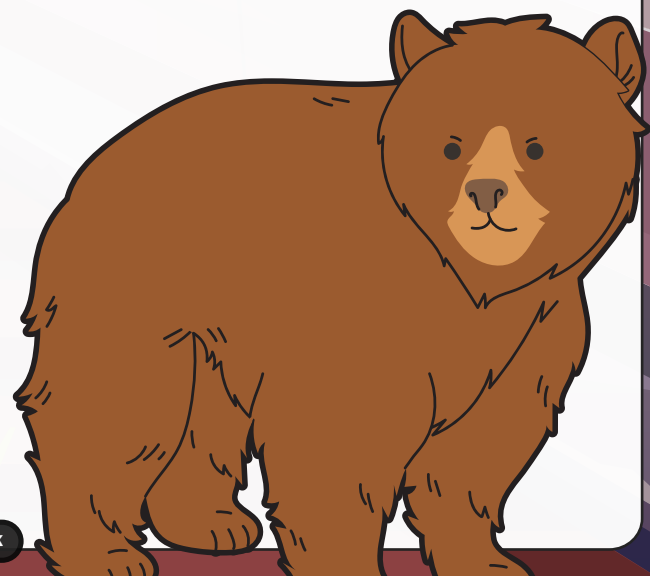


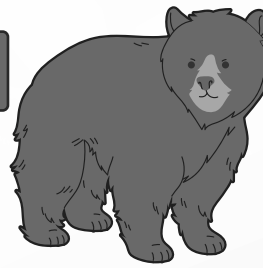
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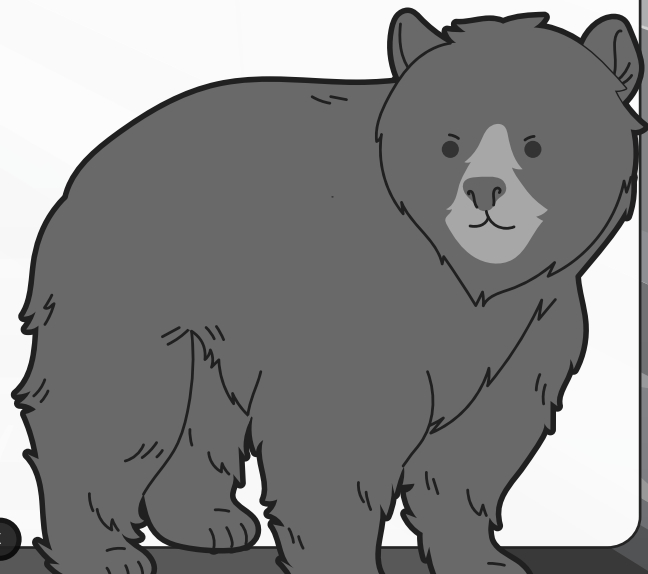
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It is busy and bustling and noisy. I know this because it says "the station was crowded with people", "trains were humming, loudspeakers blaring, porters...shouting." This shows that there was lots of action at the station which would have made it seem hectic and loud.

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