

'Hibernation Hotel' by John Kelly and Laura Brenlla

Age: 5-7

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Synopsis and reasons for selection:

***Can't doze off? Cave too cramped? Friends too loud and whiffy?
Then check into a hotel! The Hibernation Hotel!***

Grumpy, old bear can't sleep. His friends are fidgeting and snoring and using him as a big, furry mattress. He decides to check into an opulent hotel in order to relax and pamper himself before settling down for the winter. However, there's a loud party going on, the bed's too squishy and Bear's far too toasty! He has a hollow, empty feeling inside...something's missing. So he decides to order room service. As the food trolley arrives, Bear discovers what exactly he really needs in order to be able to sleep.

A delightful, funny picture book that's sure to delight young readers. The illustrations are quirky and there's plenty to look at and discuss on each double page spread. A cosy, wonderful read!

The questions in this guide are merely intended as supplementary prompts – allow the children to ask questions, explore and read longer sections of the book independently and initiate discussions. They will be much more engaged and enthused.

Because the novel study guide is to be used to aid discussion between the adult and children, we feel there isn't a necessity for an answer booklet.

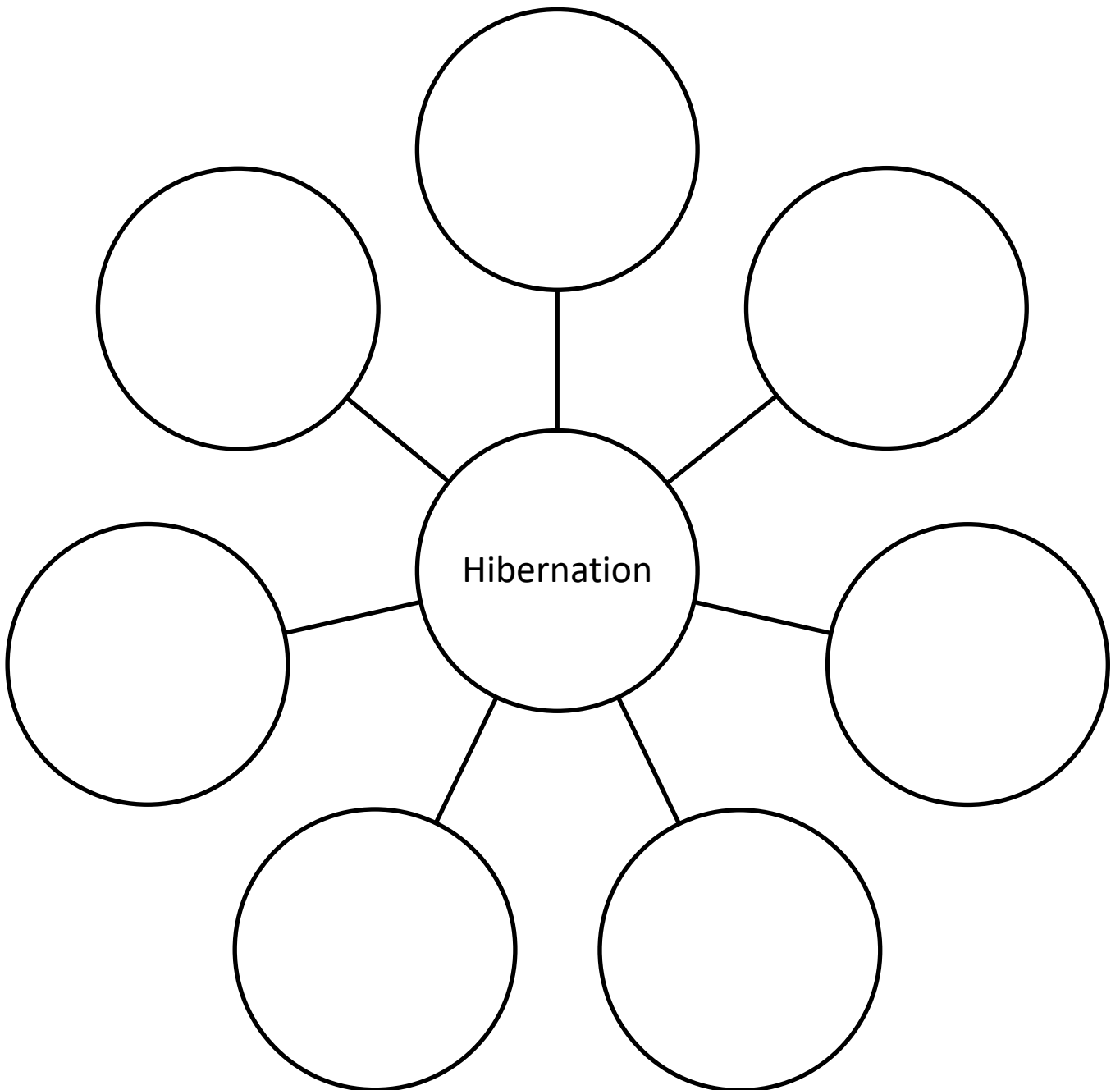
The guide provides questions and spaces for the children to record their ideas and answers but is not intended to be used as a test.

As there are many lovely pictures in this book it is important to invite the children to examine them carefully. You could encourage the children to use a magnifying glass or photocopy and enlarge a certain part of an image. Throughout the book, encourage the children to investigate:

- Page layout
- How the illustrations are framed
- The use of colour
- How the text is written – some words are in capitals and some are written at an angle, across the page
- The facial expressions of the characters

Before reading....

As a group, use a bubble map (Hyerle, 2008) to record everything you know about hibernation. What is it? Which animals hibernate? When do they hibernate? Where do they hibernate?



Double spread 1:

V: What is 'hibernation'?

R: Why can't Bear sleep?

R: What was Beaver doing?

V: Find a word that is similar in meaning to 'complained'.

E: What does Bear mean when he says he is being treated like a furry mattress?

Double spread 2:

R: What do you notice about bear's licence plate?

P: Where do you think Bear is going?

P: Do you think Bear will get peace and quiet at the hotel?

Double spread 3:

V: Why do you think 'HUGE' is written in capital letters?

I: How are the other guests feeling when they see Bear? What might they be thinking?

R: Bear asks for a wake-up call on February 21st. True or false?

V: Can you use three words to describe the hotel?

Double spread 4:

V: What is a bellboy?

I: Which words tell us that Bear is excited and pleased with his new room?

R: From where does Bear drink a huge slurp of water?

Double spread 5:

S: Can you sequence these events?

- Bear dries his hair
- Bear has a shower and uses all the shampoo and hot water
- He flops into bed and yawns
- Bear brushes his teeth

P: What do you think will happen next?

Double spread 6:

R: What wakes Bear up?

I: What might Bear be thinking and feeling?

I: Why do you think the guests are 'only too happy to oblige'?
What does this mean?

Double spread 7:

R: Why doesn't Bear like the bed? What's wrong with it?

V: Which words tell us that Bear is getting hotter and hotter?

P: Do you think Bear will get to sleep?

Double spread 8:

R: How does Bear cool down?

V: Can you think of a word that means the same (a synonym) as 'ruffle'?

I: Why do you think the wild life shows on TV make Bear feel sad?

E: What does the verb 'flopped' suggest about how Bear is feeling?

Double spread 9:

V: Find and copy a word that means the same as 'extremely comfortable'.

I: Why do you think Bear can't sleep?

P: What will Bear do to solve his problem?

E: Explain how Bear is feeling.

Double spread 10:

R: What does Bear do to solve his sleep problem?

P: What will Bear find on the food trolley?

Double spread 11:

R: Who does Bear find under the food covers?

I: What might Bear be thinking and feeling when he lifts the food cover?

R: Look carefully at the illustration. Which animals have come to visit Bear? Tell a partner.

Double spread 12:

E: What do you think Bear has learned?

E: Do you think Bear is grumpy and mean? Why? Why not?

S: Order these events from 1-5. One has been done for you.

	He has a shower, dries his hair and brushes his teeth and then flops into bed.
	However, he is woken up by a party.
1	Bear can't get to sleep so he books into a hotel.
	Bear is too hot and can't sleep so orders some food.
	His friends are hiding in the food trolley because they have missed him so they all fall asleep together on the bed.

Double spread 1:



Why can't Bear sleep?



Find a word that is similar in meaning to 'complained'.

Double spread 2:



Do you think Bear will get peace and quiet at the hotel?

Double spread 3:



How are the other guests feeling when they see Bear?
What might they be thinking?



Bear asks for a wake-up call on February 21st. True or false?

Double spread 4:



From where does Bear drink a huge slurp of water?

Double spread 5:



Can you sequence these events? Write them out in the correct order.

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- Bear has a shower and uses all the shampoo and hot water
- He flops into bed and yawns
- Bear brushes his teeth

Double spread 6:



Why do you think the guests are 'only too happy to oblige'? What does this mean?

Double spread 7:



Why doesn't Bear like the bed? What's wrong with it?



Double spread 8:

How does Bear cool down?



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What will Bear find on the food trolley?

Double spread 11:



Who does Bear find under the food covers?



What might Bear be thinking and feeling when he lifts the food cover?

A large, hand-drawn thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside the bubble, there are six horizontal lines for writing. The bubble has three smaller circles leading to it from the bottom left corner.



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