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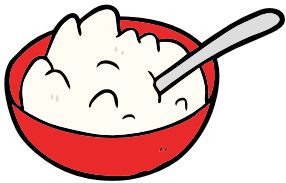
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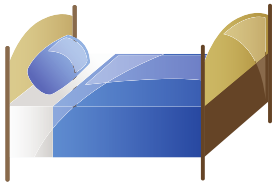
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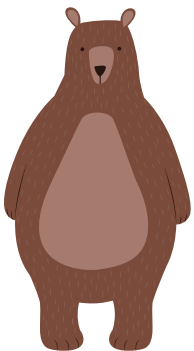
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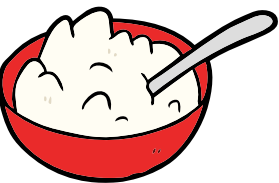
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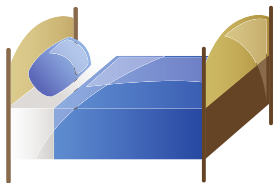
*Discuss what would the character have done if the bears had been home. Goldilocks probably would have run away so there wouldn't be much of a story.*



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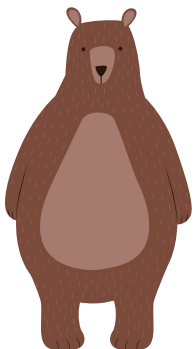
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*Discuss how Goldilocks would have probably just eaten the first bowl but it would change the rhythm of the story.*



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The central problem is really Goldilocks has wandered into a house occupied by three bears! By falling asleep she is unaware that the bears have returned and discovered that someone has been in their home. Discuss how the story would have ended if the bears hadn't returned home. The fun is in the anticipation of the bears returning home and discovering her.