A Day with Griz

Griz the grizzly bear lumbers through the forest. He walks quietly on the pads of his large feet. He weighs so much that he easily squashes small plants when he steps on them.

It is a lovely day with a light breeze and fair weather. Griz walks over to the pool of water for a little drink before he hunts for berries nearby. A school of minnows swims in the shallow water of the pool.

Griz loves to eat wild blueberries and black raspberries when they are ripe. He jams as many berries into his mouth at one time as he can. The berries provide Griz with a tasty meal.

With a tummy full of berries Griz decides to rest for awhile. He curls up and places the tip of his nose in one paw. A short time later the noise of nearby blue jays awakens Griz. The calls of blue jays often signal danger so Griz decides to move further into the forest for safety.

He wanders through the woods until he is tired and goes to bed for the night.
Multiple Choice
Circle the correct answer.

1. What kind of animal is Griz?
   a. Black bear
   b. Grizzly bear
   c. Kodiak bear

2. What happened to plants when Griz stepped on them?
   a. They were squashed
   b. They were uprooted
   c. Nothing

3. Where did Griz get his drink?
   a. At the lake
   b. At the stream
   c. At the pool

4. What kind of berries did Griz eat?
   a. Black raspberries
   b. Strawberries
   c. Cranberries

5. What kind of birds woke Griz up from his nap?
   a. Blue jays
   b. Crows
   c. Sea gulls
Multiple Meaning Words
Fill in the blanks with multiple meaning words from the story.

1. Every weekday students attend __________.

2. Mom and I went to buy a __________ of paper.

3. We need __________ to build a tree house.

4. I like to put __________ on my toast for breakfast.

5. At Thanksgiving Grandma makes __________ pie.

6. Joey’s uncle has a __________ table in the basement.

7. When we eat at a restaurant we leave a __________ for the server.
Answer Key

**Multiple choice**
1. b.
2. a.
3. c.
4. b.
5. a.

**Fill in the blank**
1. school
2. pad
3. lumber
4. jam
5. squash
6. pool
7. tip