

3. The family structure in The Three Bears is a Nuclear Family. During the story, the family is in the Childbearing Stage of the family life cycle. I feel that the parenting style of Mamma and Pappa Bear would most likely be a Democratic style that leans towards the Permissive.

4. Before Mamma and Pappa Bear became parents, they hunted and foraged together. They spent their days playing in the river, fishing and finding berries. After they had Baby Bear, Mamma Bear stayed home with Baby Bear. Pappa Bear would go out to fish, and Mamma Bear would stay close to home and teach Baby Bear which berries were not poisonous and how to make porridge. This is an example of a Work Change.

An example of a Lifestyle change happened in the same scenario. Pappa Bear was no longer able 'play in the river' because he was now solely responsible for bringing home the fish. He would have to do double the work and let the playing wait until he took Baby Bear to fish for himself.

5. During the Parenting Stage of the Life Cycle the Bear Family went through some challenges. Baby Bear and Goldilocks had become fast friends after the 'Porridge Incident.' They would run around the woods scaring the other animals. Sometimes pretending that Baby Bear was attacking Goldilocks, or sometimes just breaking into other homes to see what they had to eat. Obviously, this caused more trouble for the Bear family because Baby Bear was infinitely scarier than Goldilocks. When the Rabbit family found Baby Bear in their Rabbit Hole, they ran away as fast as their little legs would carry them. The Rabbit family never returned to their Hole in the neighborhood.

Later, during the Launching Stage, Baby Bear had reformed from his B&E days and decided to help secure home instead of breaking in. He chose to attend LockSmith University. His parents were so proud of his turn around and even benefitted from his studies. As Baby Bear worked his way through his studies LSU, he would come home and continually update his parents security system so they would never have to worry about another 'Porridge Incident' again.