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2. What did they do with the food instead?
3. What did the bear do at their camp site?
4. What do you think might have happened if they had put the food into their tent?

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The bear was still there!

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We checked our food and found the bear had eaten nearly all of it. He ate our bread, cheese, cold cuts and eggs, and he licked clean our jar of mayonnaise.

He devoured all the sugar from our bag. The bags of flour and oatmeal he left alone, except for a tiny tear in a corner.

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2. What foods did the bear not eat?
3. What did the ranger say to the campers?
4. What might have happened if these campers had put the food in their car? Why?

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