

A Bear Family Story

Once upon a time there was a family of bears that lived on a quiet cul-de-sac in the forest. Now this family had three members. There was a papa bear named Henry Hundred. A mama bear named Tecia Ten and a baby bear named Ulani Unit. The Bear family loved the quiet street that they lived on and enjoyed exploring in the woods each day. Everyday the UPS driver would stop by the Bear's house to drop off packages, enjoy a bowl of porridge, and visit with the family. Life was good for the three bears.

Things were going along quite well until one day a new family of bears built a new house on the same cul-de-sac in the forest. This family also had three members. There was a papa bear named Henry Hundred, a mama bear named Tecia Ten, and a baby bear named Ulani Unit. At first the Bear family was a little bit upset because they liked being the only ones to live on the cul-de-sac but after getting to know the new bears, they decided that it was kind of nice having other bears to talk to. Both Bear families enjoyed exploring the woods each day while they visited with each other. Life was good for the two families.

The only one who had a problem was the UPS driver because the families had the same names. He didn't know which house to deliver the creamy honey and which house to deliver the raspberry honey. Over time the problems got worse. When it was Ulani Unit's birthday, the UPS driver didn't know which Ulani Unit to deliver the birthday package to. How would you feel if you didn't get a birthday package from you grandma and grandpa on your birthday? Well, you can understand the dilemma. So the UPS driver decided to call the first family "The Original Family" and the second family the "New Comers." This solved the problem and life was good for everyone.

Then one day, out of the blue, three more families decided to build houses on the same cul-de-sac. You guessed it! Each family had three members, and each member had the same names as the first two families. The poor UPS deliverer was ready to quit, but the "Original Bear Family" really enjoyed his visits so they called a meeting with all of the families.

It was decided that because the "Original Family" had been a family unit the longest on the cul-de-sac and everyone knew them, that they would not need a special name. The other families were given house names to identify them from everyone else. The "New Comers" house was named Thousand House, and the next three bear families were given names for their houses when they moved in too. They were:

Third family – Million House

Fourth family – Billion House

Fifth family – Trillion House

The UPS driver was ecstatic! Now he could deliver the right packages to the right families. The UPS driver kept his job and from then on really enjoyed dropping off packages, eating bowls of porridge, and visiting with all of the bear families. Life was good for everyone!