**Teddy Talking Points**

**Suggestions for tactile or sensory elements/ additional activities:**

Bring a teddy bear to the session for everyone to have a cuddle!

Have a singalong to ‘Bare Necessities’ from the Jungle Book or ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’, a favourite for many generations.

Teddy Trivia: The largest teddy bear collection recorded was owned by Jackie Miley of South Dakota, USA. Her 8,026 bear collection earned her a place in the 2018 Guinness Book of Records.

**Teddy Bear Quiz.**

1. Which was the first country to sell stuffed toy bears?
2. Where does the ‘Teddy Bear’ get its name?
3. Where is Paddington Bear originally from?
4. Paddington wears what type of coat?
5. Who sang ‘The Bare Necessities’ in Disney’s The Jungle Book?
6. Which bear lived in the Hundred-Acre Woods?
7. Which bear lives in Jellystone National Park with his chum Boo Boo?
8. Which bear, famous for his checked trousers, first appeared in the Daily Express in 1920?
9. Which bear became the cover star of "The Beano" comic in 1948?
10. Which Muppet Show bear is the show’s main stand-up comedian?

**Answers**

1. Germany. The Steiff Company created the first toy bears.
2. US President Teddy Roosevelt.
3. Darkest Peru
4. A Duffle Coat
5. Baloo.
6. Winnie the Pooh
7. Yogi Bear.
8. Rupert.
9. Biffo The Bear
10. Fozzie Bear

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**What did you call your bear and what was it like?**

“Honey Bear was my favourite. He was the same colour as the honey in the jar. It used to be the main toy and lead all the other toys when we played”

“I called my big bear Mr Teddy. He was very intelligent and would always be the teacher or doctor when I played with my dolls”

“I had a bear called Lucky. Dad said it was because he rescued him from a dustbin and brought him home to live with us”

**What games did you and your teddy bear play?**

“Tea parties, picnics and that sort of thing”

“I built a go-kart for my Teddy out of a shoebox and the wheels were old cotton reels. We called him Nevil, after a test pilot I think?”

“We would go on adventures together. Camping out using two chairs and a blanket draped between them. We’d imagine we were cowboys or pirates”.