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On Aug 3, 6:42 pm, Harlan Messinger
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Duaan Vukoti wrote:

Is there anyone who is able to explain the homonymy of English bear (carry, cause to be born) and bear (omnivorous animal/mammal)? Why and how has it happened?

Because there isn't any reason why it *wouldn't* happen, and both words evolved in unsurprising ways to become, as it happens, homonyms.

And how that "unsurprising way" looked like? Could you be more specific? What bear (carry, cause to be born, bring forth) and bear (animal) have in common? Maybe you believe it happened by chance? But what if there is no accidental word-developing within the IE vocabulary?

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