



# Word Clues #1 Seek and Find

based on *Hank the Tank*  
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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the word in the left column. Find it in the sentence and circle it. Then underline the information that helps you understand the meaning of the word.

Word	Sentences
moniker	Authorities say that Hank was a moniker, a nickname, given by the public to three different bears.
chest blaze	Some bears have chest blazes, white markings, in the shape of stars, or other patterns.
culvert traps	Officers set up culvert traps. These are traps that resemble the culverts used for storm drainage.
haze	The last step is to “haze” the animal. They open the door to let the bear out of the trap. As they release it, they make loud, annoying sounds. They might also shoot bean bags at the bear or use a Taser.
hyperphagia	Late summer is when bears go into hyperphagia in Tahoe. They binge eat everything they can find to build up fat reserves. Sometimes they double their body weight.
attractant	Most bear break-ins are due to people not keeping attractants away from bears. Attractants are things like barbecue grills with grease left on them and trash not kept in a secure container.
scavenger	Black bears are scavengers, which means they will eat dead organic matter like rotting fruit that has fallen from trees.