

Giant Pandas - China's Treasures

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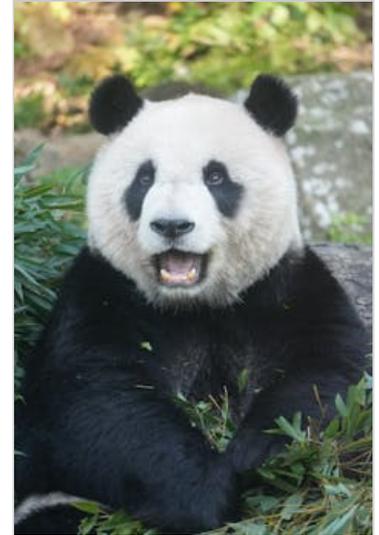
Giant pandas are black and white bears from China. They are one of the most **beloved** animals in the world. Pandas have black patches around their eyes, ears, and legs. They look like big, cute stuffed **toys**.

Pandas eat **bamboo** almost all day long. They eat for 12 hours every day! Bamboo does not have much **nutrition**, so pandas must eat a lot. One panda eats about 38 kilograms of bamboo daily.

Giant pandas live in **mountain** forests in China. These forests are cool and wet. Pandas like to be alone and are very **peaceful** animals. They spend most of their time eating and sleeping.

Baby pandas are very small when they are born. They are pink, blind, and **helpless**. A baby panda weighs only 100 grams - like a stick of butter! The mother takes care of the baby for about two years.

Pandas were once **endangered**, but China worked hard to save them. Now there are about 1,800 pandas in the wild. Pandas are a **symbol** of China and are loved around the world!



A. Vocabulary

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| 1. beloved ____ | a. something that represents something else |
| 2. toys ____ | b. loved very much |
| 3. bamboo ____ | c. in danger of dying out |
| 4. nutrition ____ | d. food value for health |
| 5. mountain ____ | e. in nature, not in a zoo |
| 6. peaceful ____ | f. a very high hill |
| 7. helpless ____ | g. calm and quiet |
| 8. endangered ____ | h. things children play with |
| 9. symbol ____ | i. a tall green plant pandas eat |
| 10. wild ____ | j. cannot take care of itself |

B. True or False

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| 1. Giant pandas come from Japan. _____ | 2. Pandas eat bamboo for 12 hours a day. _____ | 3. Pandas are very active animals. _____ |
| 4. Baby pandas are big when born. _____ | 5. Pandas have black patches around their eyes. _____ | 6. Bamboo has lots of nutrition. _____ |
| 7. Pandas live in mountain forests. _____ | 8. There are about 1,800 pandas in the wild. _____ | 9. Pandas are a symbol of China. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: beloved, bamboo, nutrition, mountain, peaceful, endangered, symbol

- Giant pandas are one of the most _____ animals.
- Pandas eat _____ almost all day long.
- Bamboo does not have much _____ for pandas.
- Pandas live in _____ forests in China.
- Pandas are a _____ of China.

D. Comprehension Questions

- What colors are giant pandas?
- How many hours do pandas eat each day?
- How much does a baby panda weigh at birth?
- Why must pandas eat so much bamboo?
- How many pandas are in the wild now?

E. Discussion Questions

- Why do you think people love pandas so much?
- Have you ever seen a panda at a zoo?
- What other animals are endangered?

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-b, 2-h, 3-i, 4-d, 5-f, 6-g, 7-j, 8-c, 9-a, 10-e

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-beloved, 2-bamboo, 3-nutrition, 4-mountain, 5-symbol

D. Comprehension: 1. Black and white; 2. 12 hours; 3. About 100 grams; 4. Because bamboo doesn't have much nutrition; 5. About 1,800