Giant Pandas - China's Treasures

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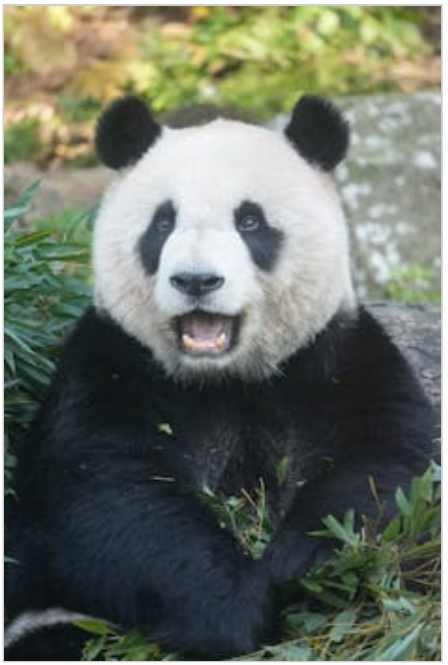

Giant pandas are black and white bears from China. They are one of the most **beloved** animals in the world. Pandas have black patches around their eyes, ears, and legs. They look like big, cute stuffed **toys**.

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

1. beloved ____
2. toys ____
3. bamboo ____
4. nutrition ____
5. mountain ____
6. peaceful ____
7. helpless ____
8. endangered ____
9. symbol ____
10. wild ____

a. something that represents something else
b. loved very much
c. in danger of dying out
d. food value for health
e. in nature, not in a zoo
f. a very high hill
g. calm and quiet
h. things children play with
i. a tall green plant pandas eat
j. cannot take care of itself

B. True or False

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

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

D. Comprehension Questions

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

E. Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think people love pandas so much?
2. Have you ever seen a panda at a zoo?
3. 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

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