



Red Pandas — A Cute Climber from the Mountains

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High in the misty **mountain** forests of Asia lives a small, **cute** animal called the red panda. It is not from just one **country** — red pandas live in parts of China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. With its soft, reddish-brown **color** and round white face, the red panda is easy to recognize.

Red pandas are excellent at **climbing**. They **climb** tall **trees** almost every day, using their sharp claws to grip the bark. Red pandas even **sleep** in trees! During the day, they curl up on a branch high above the ground and rest for many hours before waking up at night.

The red panda's favorite **food** is bamboo. It eats bamboo leaves and shoots every day, along with some fruit, eggs, and small insects. A red panda's long, fluffy **tail** helps it balance on branches and wraps around its body like a warm blanket on cold **mountain** nights.

A mother red panda usually has one or two **baby** red pandas at a time. The babies stay inside a warm den, close to their mother, for several months. Slowly, they learn how to **climb** and find **food** on their own, just like the grown-up red pandas around them.

Today, there are not many red pandas left in the wild. People in many countries are working to protect the **mountain** forests where these **cute**, colorful animals live, so **tree**-climbing red pandas can stay safe for a long, long time.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. mountain ____ | a. the part at the back of an animal's body |
| 2. cute ____ | b. to rest with your eyes closed, usually at night |
| 3. country ____ | c. nice to look at, often small and sweet |
| 4. color ____ | d. something that people or animals eat |
| 5. climb ____ | e. to move up something using your hands and feet |
| 6. tree ____ | f. a very young child or animal |
| 7. sleep ____ | g. a very tall piece of land, much higher than a hill |
| 8. food ____ | h. a land with its own people and government |
| 9. tail ____ | i. red, blue, brown, and other things we see with our eyes |

10. baby ____ j. a tall plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves



B. True or False

1. Red pandas live in misty mountain forests in Asia. ____
2. Red pandas only live in one country. ____
3. Red pandas are excellent at climbing trees. ____
4. Red pandas never sleep in trees. ____
5. A red panda's favorite food is bamboo. ____
6. A red panda's tail helps it balance on branches. ____
7. Baby red pandas can climb and find food the moment they are born. ____
8. Mother red pandas keep their babies in a warm den at first. ____
9. People are working to protect the mountain forests where red pandas live. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: mountain, climb, tree, sleep, food

1. Red pandas live high in the _____ forests of Asia.
2. Red pandas _____ tall trees almost every day.
3. Red pandas use their claws to grip the bark of a _____.
4. During the day, red pandas _____ on a branch for many hours.
5. A red panda's favorite _____ is bamboo.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where do red pandas live, and what do they look like?
2. What do red pandas do in trees during the day?
3. What does a red panda usually eat?
4. How does a red panda's tail help it?
5. How do baby red pandas learn to climb and find food?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a red panda at a zoo or in a picture? What did you think of it?
2. Why do you think red pandas like to sleep in trees instead of on the ground?
3. What can people do to help protect animals like the red panda?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-mountain, 2-climb, 3-tree, 4-sleep, 5-food

D. Comprehension:

1. Red pandas live in misty mountain forests in China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. They are small and cute, with reddish-brown color and a round white face.
2. During the day, red pandas climb trees and curl up on a branch high above the ground to sleep for many hours.
3. A red panda usually eats bamboo leaves and shoots, along with some fruit, eggs, and small insects.
4. A red panda's long, fluffy tail helps it balance on branches and wraps around its body like a blanket to stay warm.
5. Baby red pandas stay in a warm den close to their mother for several months, then slowly learn to climb and find food on their own.

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