

# Black & White

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**This animal is black and white. Its head is white, with black spots<sup>1</sup> round its eyes, and it has black ears. What is it? It's a giant\* panda!**

Giant pandas are big bears. Their home country is China. They live in mountain<sup>2</sup> forests<sup>\*\*</sup>. There are lots of bamboo<sup>3</sup> trees in these forests. Pandas love them.

### Life

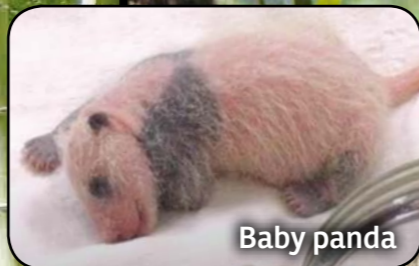
Pandas can weigh<sup>4</sup> 150kg. They are 1.5m tall. They usually live for 20 years in the wild<sup>5</sup>. But in the zoo, they can live for 30 years. Giant pandas walk pretty slowly, but they can sprint at 32km/h! They can climb trees and swim, too.

### Babies

Baby pandas are called cubs<sup>6</sup>. They're very small. Panda cubs are 15cm long and pink. They have no hair and no teeth. They can't see. They open their eyes 6 – 8 weeks later.

### Food

Pandas are big eaters. 99% of their food is bamboo. Sometimes they eat grass, fish or small animals. They eat a lot, and they eat it fast: they can eat 38kg of bamboo in a day.



Baby panda



Pandas poo 40 times\*\*\* a day!

Pandas live in bamboo forests.

Pandas are popular in films, too 😊. Kung Fu Panda is very funny!



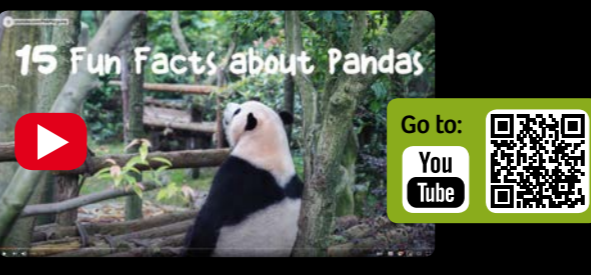
### Why are pandas endangered<sup>7</sup>?

There are only about 1,600 giant pandas in the wild. People cut down<sup>8</sup> bamboo forests where pandas live. Pandas don't have enough<sup>9</sup> food.

### Do you like giant pandas?

There are two giant pandas in Vienna zoo. March 16<sup>th</sup> is National Panda Day. Read about pandas and their life. You can buy a present and help to save<sup>10</sup> them.

[www.geekplanet.cz/p/adoptuj-pandu/](http://www.geekplanet.cz/p/adoptuj-pandu/)



### LANGUAGE NOTE

- \* giant – very big
- \*\* forest – a place with lots of trees
- \*\*\* 40 times – 40x

### VOCABULARY

- <sup>1</sup> spot [spɒt] – skvrna | <sup>2</sup> mountain ['maʊntən] – hora | <sup>3</sup> bamboo [ˌbæmˈbuː] – bambus
- <sup>4</sup> to weigh [wei] – vážit | <sup>5</sup> in the wild [ɪn ðə waɪld] – v divočině | <sup>6</sup> cub [kʌb] – medvídek
- <sup>7</sup> endangered [ɪnˈdeɪndʒəd] – v ohrožení | <sup>8</sup> to cut down [kʌt daʊn] – kácet | <sup>9</sup> enough [ɪˈnʌf] – dost
- <sup>10</sup> to save [seɪv] – zachránit

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**TASK 1 jump**

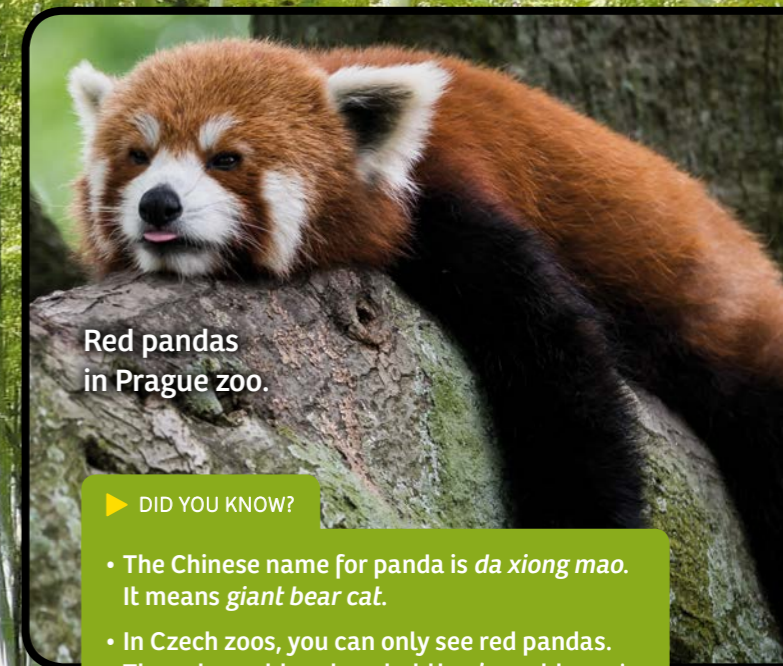
Unscramble. What do pandas eat?

a. O B A M B O \_\_\_\_\_

b. H I S F \_\_\_\_\_

c. S G R A S \_\_\_\_\_

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Red pandas in Prague zoo.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Chinese name for panda is *da xiong mao*. It means *giant bear cat*.
- In Czech zoos, you can only see red pandas. They also eat bamboo, but they're not bears!
- Pandas are bears, but they don't hibernate (= sleep) in winter.

**TRUE OR FALSE?** T F

**TASK 2 jump**

Are these statements true (T) or false (F)?

a. Giant pandas are bears.

b. They only eat bamboo.

c. They eat fast.

d. They can climb and swim.

e. They walk fast.

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