



Giant Pandas — The Black and White Bears

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The giant panda is a black and white **bear**. It lives in the **mountain** forests of China, far from any city. A panda is **big** and round, with a black nose, black ears, and black spots around its eyes. Its fat body and fluffy fur make it look like a big toy.



Pandas are very famous because they are so **cute**. People all over the world love to watch them. A panda has a soft face, short legs, and a tiny tail. They can even **climb** high up into a **tree** when they want to play or rest.

Pandas love to **eat** one thing more than anything else — bamboo. A panda is always **hungry**! It can eat bamboo for ten to sixteen hours every day. That is a lot of food. Bamboo gives the panda the power to walk, climb, and grow strong.

Pandas walk very **slow**, but they are good swimmers and climbers. After a long day, a tired panda likes to **sleep** in the cool shade of a tree. They can sleep almost anywhere — on a rock, on the grass, or even high up in a tree.

A **baby** panda is very small at birth. It is pink, with no fur and closed eyes. Its mother takes good care of it for many months. Slowly, the baby grows bigger and starts to look like a small black and white toy. Pandas are one of the most special animals on Earth.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. bear ____ | a. a tall plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves |
| 2. mountain ____ | b. wanting or needing food |
| 3. big ____ | c. to close your eyes and rest your body and mind |
| 4. cute ____ | d. a very high hill made of rock and earth |
| 5. climb ____ | e. of great size; not small |
| 6. tree ____ | f. pretty, sweet, and pleasing to look at |

7. eat ____ g. to go up something using your hands and feet
8. hungry ____ h. to put food in your mouth and swallow it
9. slow ____ i. not moving fast; taking a lot of time
10. sleep ____ j. a large, strong animal with thick fur and short legs



B. True or False

1. The giant panda is a black and white bear. ____
2. Pandas live in big cities in China. ____
3. A panda has black spots around its eyes. ____
4. Pandas can climb up into trees. ____
5. Pandas eat meat more than anything else. ____
6. A panda can eat bamboo for many hours every day. ____
7. Pandas walk very fast and never get tired. ____
8. A baby panda is born with thick black and white fur. ____
9. Pandas are one of the most special animals on Earth. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: bear, climb, eat, sleep, cute

1. The giant panda is a black and white _____ that lives in China.
2. A panda can _____ high up into a tree to play or rest.
3. Pandas love to _____ bamboo for many hours every day.
4. After a long day, a tired panda likes to _____ in the cool shade.
5. People all over the world love pandas because they are so _____ .

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a giant panda look like?
2. Where do pandas live?
3. What is a panda's favorite food, and how much do they eat?
4. How do pandas move and where do they like to sleep?
5. What does a baby panda look like when it is born?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a panda? Where was it?
2. Why do you think so many people love pandas?
3. What can we do to help pandas in the wild?





Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-bear, 2-climb, 3-eat, 4-sleep, 5-cute

D. Comprehension:

1. A giant panda is a black and white bear. It is big and round, with a black nose, black ears, and black spots around its eyes.
2. Pandas live in the mountain forests of China, far from any city.
3. A panda's favorite food is bamboo. It can eat bamboo for ten to sixteen hours every day.
4. Pandas walk very slow but are good swimmers and climbers. They like to sleep in the cool shade of a tree, on a rock, on the grass, or even up in a tree.
5. A baby panda is very small, pink, with no fur and closed eyes when it is born.

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