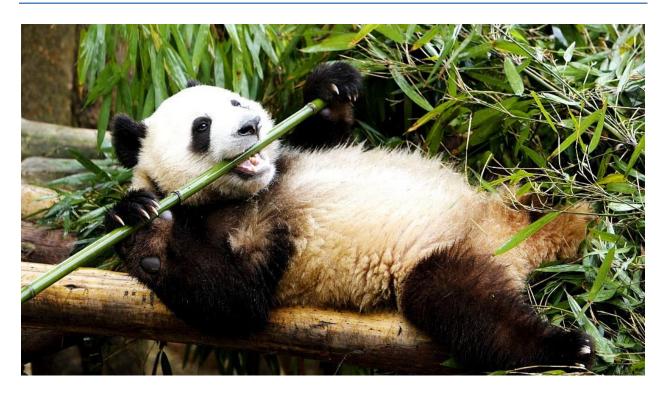


Giant Pandas are one of the rarest mammals in the world. There are only around 1500 left in the wild. They have a noticeable black and white coat, with black fur around their eyes, eyes, muzzles, legs, and shoulders.

Giant Pandas live in the forests in southwestern China. They live in high dense bamboo areas in the misty and rainy mountains. They are very shy and don't venture into areas where people live. If you want to see a Panda, the best chance is at a zoo!





Pandas have a very specific diet. They almost eat nothing but bamboo shoots and leaves! It counts for almost 99 percent of their diets. They can eat other foods like fish and other vegetables but is not usual.

Why do Pandas eat bamboo? It is thought that Pandas only eat bamboo, so they don't need to fight with other animals to get it. They eat fast and a lot, spending up to 12 hours a day just eating! Bamboo is not very nutritious, so to stay healthy they must eat a lot of bamboo!





Pandas have very broad and small teeth. Their teeth are perfect to crush bamboo shoots and leaves, as the shape helps them.

To get bamboo to their mouths, they can use their front paws. Interestingly, Pandas have enlarged wrist bones which can act as thumbs for them. This is useful to keep a hold on the bamboo!

Despite being very large, Pandas are known for being good swimmers and climbers.



Answer the questions.

What is a panda?

Where do pandas live?

What do pandas eat?



Answer the questions.

Why do they eat bamboo?

How do they eat bamboo?

What are pandas good at?

