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READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

Endangered animals

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Giant pandas are no longer endangered, but they are still **vulnerable**. This means they could become endangered again if people do not protect them. In 2016, their status changed from endangered to vulnerable.

Why Are Pandas in Danger?

Pandas face several dangers:

- **Loss of homes:** People cut down forests to build roads, railways, dams, and farms. This leaves pandas with less space to live.
- **Less bamboo:** Pandas eat mostly bamboo. It makes up about 90–98% of their diet. When bamboo dies, pandas may not have enough food.
- **Climate change:** Changes in the climate may make it harder for bamboo to grow.
- **Danger from people:** Pandas can get caught in traps or wander into towns looking for food.
- **Separated groups:** When forests are broken into small areas, pandas may have trouble finding other pandas to mate with.

How Are People Helping Pandas?

China has created nature reserves to protect pandas and their forests. People are also working to protect their homes and food.

Thanks to these efforts, the number of wild pandas increased from about 1,114 in the 1980s to 1,864 in 2014.

Conclusion

Pandas are not endangered anymore, but they still need our help. Protecting forests and bamboo can help pandas survive and keep their populations growing.

A) Read the text, Then read the sentences and decide if they are true or false.

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| 1. Pandas are currently classified as vulnerable. | True False |
| 2. Pandas eat mostly meat. | True False |
| 3. Climate change can affect bamboo forests. | True False |
| 4. China has created nature reserves to protect pandas. | True False |

B) Answer the following questions using information from the text

1. What is the conservation status of giant pandas today?

2. Why is bamboo important for pandas?

3. How can climate change affect pandas?

4. When did pandas change from endangered to vulnerable?

5. How many wild pandas were there in 2014?

C. Complete the sentences with the words below:

Pandas eat mostly _____.

Pandas are classified as _____.

People build roads and farms, destroying panda _____.

China has created _____ to protect pandas.

Protecting forests helps pandas _____.

