

Protecting Pandas

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

If there's one animal that lives up to the saying you are what you eat, it's _____ the giant panda. What giant pandas eat affects many _____ parts of their _____.

For one, giant pandas have to eat, and eat, and eat. Pandas can _____ more than half of each _____ eating. This is because pandas _____ eat bamboo, which is a giant woody grass. Bamboo is a very poor of source of _____ for pandas. It's low in _____ and high in fiber, a material which is very _____ to _____. Since _____ percent of a panda's _____ is bamboo, pandas need to eat a lot of it, 9 to _____ kilograms a day.

Pandas also have tiny cubs because of their _____ diet. Baby pandas are _____ blind, helpless, and tiny. They weigh just _____ grams and are about one thousandth the size of their mother. No other mammals' babies are born so much _____ than the adult of its species. This, too, is partly due to their bamboo diet. But once born, panda cubs grow _____. One-year-old pandas can weigh about _____ kilograms.

Pandas' _____ and _____ fur may help them camouflage. Once again, we can look at a panda's diet to help _____ why its fur is the color it is. In _____, many animals lose their darker fur and grow white fur. But since pandas are _____ moving _____ in search of bamboo, they can't _____ their fur quickly enough to match their background like other animals can. So being both black and white may help them to _____ in snow, as well as among the dark leaves of the _____. In the past, pandas lived in and _____ across much larger _____ of land and faced multiple predators. So, at the time, they may have relied more on their black and white camouflage.

Today, however, the main threat to pandas is not from predators, but rather from a loss of bamboo. Human _____ has driven wild pandas into the _____, away from their usual _____ and the bamboo they need. Climate change also threatens more than a third of the bamboo habitat that pandas rely on.

Always
Areas
Around
Black
Born
Change
Day
Development
Diet
Different
Difficult
Digest
Endangered
Forest
Habitats
Hide
Lives
Longer
Mostly
Mountains
Nutrition
Poor
Probably
Protein
Quickly
Smaller
Spend
Traveled
Understand
White
Wild
Winter

The good news is that the giant panda is no _____ classified as _____, only vulnerable. Today, about _____ pandas remain in the _____ in China, an increase of _____ percent over the past decade.

What do Pandas eat?

How many Bamboo kilograms do they need to eat a day?

What colors are pandas' fur?

What is Pandas' main threat?

Are Pandas still endangered animal?