

## 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 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?