

Read the text below.

The Giant Panda

The giant panda, often known as the panda bear, is a bear native to south central China. It is (1)_____ by large, black patches around its eyes, over the ears and across its round (2)_____. The name “giant panda” is sometimes used to (3)_____ it from the red panda, a neighbouring musteloid. Bamboo shoots and leaves make up more than 99% of its (4)_____.

The giant panda in the wild will occasionally eat other grasses, wild tubers, or even meat in the (5)_____ of birds, rodents, or carrion. In captivity, they may receive honey, eggs, fish, yams, shrub leaves, oranges or bananas along with specially prepared food.

The giant panda lives in a few mountain (6)_____ in central China, mainly in Sichuan but also in neighbouring Shaanxi and Gansu. (7)_____ of farming, deforestation and other development, the giant panda has been driven out of the lowland areas where it once lived. Some reports also (8)_____ that the number of giant pandas in the wild is on the rise.

While the dragon has often served as China’s national (9)_____, internationally the giant panda has often filled this role. As such, it is becoming (10)_____ used with China in international contexts, for example, appearing since 1982 on gold panda bullion coins and as one of the five Fuwa mascots for the Beijing Olympics.

Choose the best answer, **A, B, C or D** and type your answer in the box provided.

The giant panda, often known as the panda bear, is a bear native to south central China. It is (1)_____ by large, black patches around its eyes, over

A. pointed
B. recognised

C. figured
D. characterised

the ears and across its round (2)_____. The name “giant panda” is

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| A. fur | C. body |
| B. abdomen | D. stomach |

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| A. perceive | C. identify |
| B. recognise | D. distinguish |

musteloid. Bamboo shoots and leaves make up more than 99% of its (4)_____.

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| A. diet | C. fast |
| B. regime | D. restriction |

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| A. form | C. shape |
| B. appearance | D. structure |

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| A. spans | C. areas |
| B. scopes | D. ranges |

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| A. Duly | C. Equally |
| B. Consequently | D. As a result |

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| A. show | C. appear |
| B. display | D. exhibit |

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| A. sign | C. mark |
| B. symbol | D. character |

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| A. rarely | C. widely |
| B. carefully | D. seriously |