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The giant panda, with its distinctive black and white markings, is one of the most beloved animals in the world.

The panda's natural habitat is a mountainous region in central China. The panda's diet is 99% bamboo. The average panda eats between 9 and 14 kilograms of bamboo daily. Its large round head is the result of the powerful muscles it needs to eat the tough bamboo material.

The panda became endangered for several reasons, including hunting, deforestation, and pollution. Since the 1990s, the Chinese government has introduced a number of laws to save the panda. Today, the population of pandas living in the wild is between 2,000 and 3,000.

In the 1970s, China started to loan pandas to zoos in Japan and the United States as part of a cultural exchange. This practice became known as 'Panda Diplomacy'. There are now 27 pandas living in zoos all around the world.

The panda has always been considered a noble creature in Chinese folklore, perhaps because it was retaliation seen or captured. By legend, it only appeared during the rule of a good monarch. The Chinese have twenty different names for the animal, such as 'spotted bear' and 'bamboo bear'.

34. What does the panda usually eat?

- A) fruit B) vegetables C) grass D) bamboo

35. How much bamboo does the average panda eat daily?

- A) among 9 and 14 kilograms C) between 9 and 14 pounds
B) between 9 and 14 kilograms D) more than 9 and 14 kilograms

36. What is the result of the powerful muscles?

- A) black and white markings C) the large round head
B) a number of laws D) bamboo

37. What did China started to do with pandas in the 1970s?

- A) borrow C) loan
B) lend D) present

38. How many different names do the Chinese have for the panda?

- A) twenty B) twelve C) two D) fourteen