

Giant Panda Fact Sheet



The giant panda is a member of the Ursidae family (that's a fancy word for bears). They live in the mountains of China. They used to live in the lowlands but human causes have forced them to move higher. Unlike most bears, pandas do not hibernate; they simply move to warmer places.



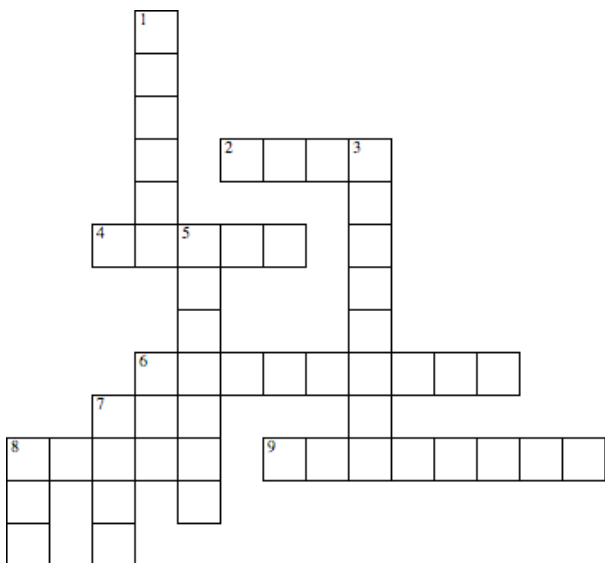
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Pandas absolutely love to eat bamboo, so much so that it makes up around 99% of their diet.

Pandas eat around 20 to 30 pounds of bamboo shoots a day! Pandas actually have thumb that they use to help them eat bamboo. The thumb is called a sesamoid bone. Pandas also have super round faces because their jaw muscles are so big from eating all that bamboo.

Adult pandas can grow to about 330 pounds but their babies are only 100-200 grams. When panda cubs are born they are pink, blind and have no hair. Pandas tails are 4-6 inches long, the second longest of any bear.

Word Search



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- 2 They have the second largest ____ of any bear.
- 4 Pandas faces are ____ because of large jaw muscles.
- 6 Unlike other bears, pandas do not do this in the winter.
- 8 They live in this country.
- 9 Their thumbs are called _____ bones.

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- 1 They mostly eat this plant.
- 3 Pandas used to live in this habitat.
- 5 They are part of this animal family.
- 7 Baby pandas are this color when they are born.
- 8 A baby panda is called a ____.