

Pandas: the cuddliest of all the bears



What do you know about giant pandas? Read and complete the article to find out more about these cuddly black and white bears. Underline the correct words.



Introduction

The giant panda has a distinctive (a) **black**/ (b) **white** head with (a) **black**/ (b) **white** eye patches, ears and shoulders. Unlike other bear species, giant pandas are (a) **carnivorous**/ (b) **herbivorous** spending up to 12 hours a day chewing bamboo shoots and roots. Because of poaching and habitat loss, they are extremely (a) **common**/ (b) **rare**, occurring in small populations in the bamboo forests of China.

Panda's Territory: Where do pandas come from?

Giant pandas (a) **live**/ (b) **are living** in the bamboo forests of China, and they have been there for millions of years, as a result they have been honored by the Chinese for a very long time. In fact, giant pandas (a) **appear**/ (b) **appeared** in many Chinese pieces of art. Because the giant panda is considered a national treasure in China, it is protected by law so that it (a) **didn't become**/ (b) **doesn't become** extinct.

Although giant pandas have long been known to the Chinese, they (a) **are**/ (b) **do** a recent discovery for people living outside of China. The first westerner to observe a live giant panda in the wild (a) **is**/ (b) **was** a German zoologist named Hugo Weigold.



At Panda's Place: Where do pandas live?

There is only one place where giant pandas (a) **live**/ (b) **lived** in the wild: high in the mountains of central China. There, they (a) **live**/ (b) **are living** in cold and rainy bamboo forests that are often misty and shrouded in heavy clouds. It is said that pandas lived in lowland areas before. However, as people have built more and more

farms and cities on that land, the giant pandas were forced up into the mountains. Today, they **(a) dwell (b) lived** at elevations of 5,000 to 10,000 feet.

Panda's Lunch: What do pandas eat?

In the wild, a giant panda's diet is 99% bamboo. Bamboo is a giant grass that **(a) grows/ (b) is growing** in the mountains of China. Because bamboo is so low in nutrients, an adult giant panda **(a) eats/ (b) eaten** between 20 and 40 or more pounds of it each day. It eats the stems, shoots, leaves and all.



Are these sentences correct or not? Find the mistake and write it correctly.

- Giant pandas doesn't live in low areas.
- An adult panda eat between 20 to 40 pounds of bamboo.
- Giant Pandas eats the stem, shoot and leaves of the bamboo.
- Bamboo don't contain many nutrients.
- Pandas is herbivorous.

Classify the phrases. Are they used with 3rd person singular or 1st, 2nd and 3rd person plural?

Grows/ don't contain / doesn't live / dwell / appear / eats / doesn't become / live

3 rd person singular (HE/SHE/IT)	1 st and 2 nd person (I/ WE/YOU/THEY)