



ALL ABOUT
PANDAS

Munch, climb, and roll with the fluffiest bears in the bamboo forest!

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MEET THE PANDAS!

Look at that black-and-white fur! **Pandas** are gentle, playful bears that live high in the mountains of China. They love climbing trees, rolling on the ground, and munching on **bamboo** all day long!





WHAT PANDAS ARE LIKE

Pandas are **mammals** from the bear family. They have big, round faces and soft, thick fur to keep them warm. Their black ears, arms, and legs help them hide in the shady parts of the forest.





WHERE PANDAS LIVE

Wild pandas live in the cool, misty mountains of China, where **bamboo** grows thick and tall. They make their homes in forests filled with streams and trees. Most pandas now live in protected areas or **nature reserves** to help keep them safe.

FROM CUB TO PANDA

A mother panda usually gives birth to one tiny **cub**—about the size of a stick of butter! The cub is pink, blind, and hairless at first. It stays close to its mother, who keeps it warm, safe, and well-fed until it grows strong enough to crawl and climb.



BAMBOO TIME!

Pandas love **bamboo**—it makes up about 99% of their diet! They eat the leaves, stems, and **shoots** using their strong jaws and teeth. Pandas can eat for more than 10 hours a day and munch through over 12 kilograms (26 pounds) of bamboo daily!



HOW PANDAS SPEND THEIR DAY

Pandas are calm and peaceful animals. They spend most of the day eating, resting, and climbing trees. Sometimes they even take naps high up in the branches!





KEEPING SAFE AND HEALTHY

Pandas have thick fur to stay warm in cold mountain weather. They are good climbers and can swim across rivers. When they feel scared, pandas may climb a tree or hide in the **bamboo**.





PANDAS AND PEOPLE

People help protect pandas by taking care of their **habitats** and planting more **bamboo** forests. Scientists also study pandas in special centers to help them grow and have healthy cubs. Because of these efforts, more pandas are living safely today than before!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Pandas have a special bone in their paw that works like a thumb—it helps them hold **bamboo**!
- A panda's black-and-white fur helps it hide among shadows and snow.
- Pandas may look lazy, but they can climb trees and swim very well.



QUESTION TIME!

1. (True or False) Pandas live in the snowy mountains of Japan.
2. (True or False) Pandas eat mostly bamboo.
3. (True or False) Panda cubs are born with thick fur.
4. (Fact or Opinion) Pandas have black and white fur.
5. (Fact or Opinion) Pandas are the cutest animals in the world.
6. How do pandas stay safe in the wild?
7. Where do pandas live?
8. What do pandas eat?
9. How do people help protect pandas?
10. What do you like most about pandas?



ANSWERS



1. False. Pandas live in the mountains of China, not Japan.
2. True. Pandas eat mostly bamboo.
3. False. Panda cubs are born pink and hairless.
4. Fact. Pandas really do have black and white fur.
5. Opinion. “Pandas are the cutest animals in the world” is what someone thinks or feels.
6. They stay safe by climbing trees and hiding in bamboo.
7. They live in cool, forested mountains in China.
8. They eat bamboo leaves, stems, and shoots.
9. People protect their habitats and care for them in panda reserves.
10. Answers will vary—some might say their round faces, gentle nature, or funny rolling!



GLOSSARY

Bamboo – a tall plant with hollow stems that pandas eat

Carnivore – an animal that eats meat (pandas are bears but mostly eat plants!)

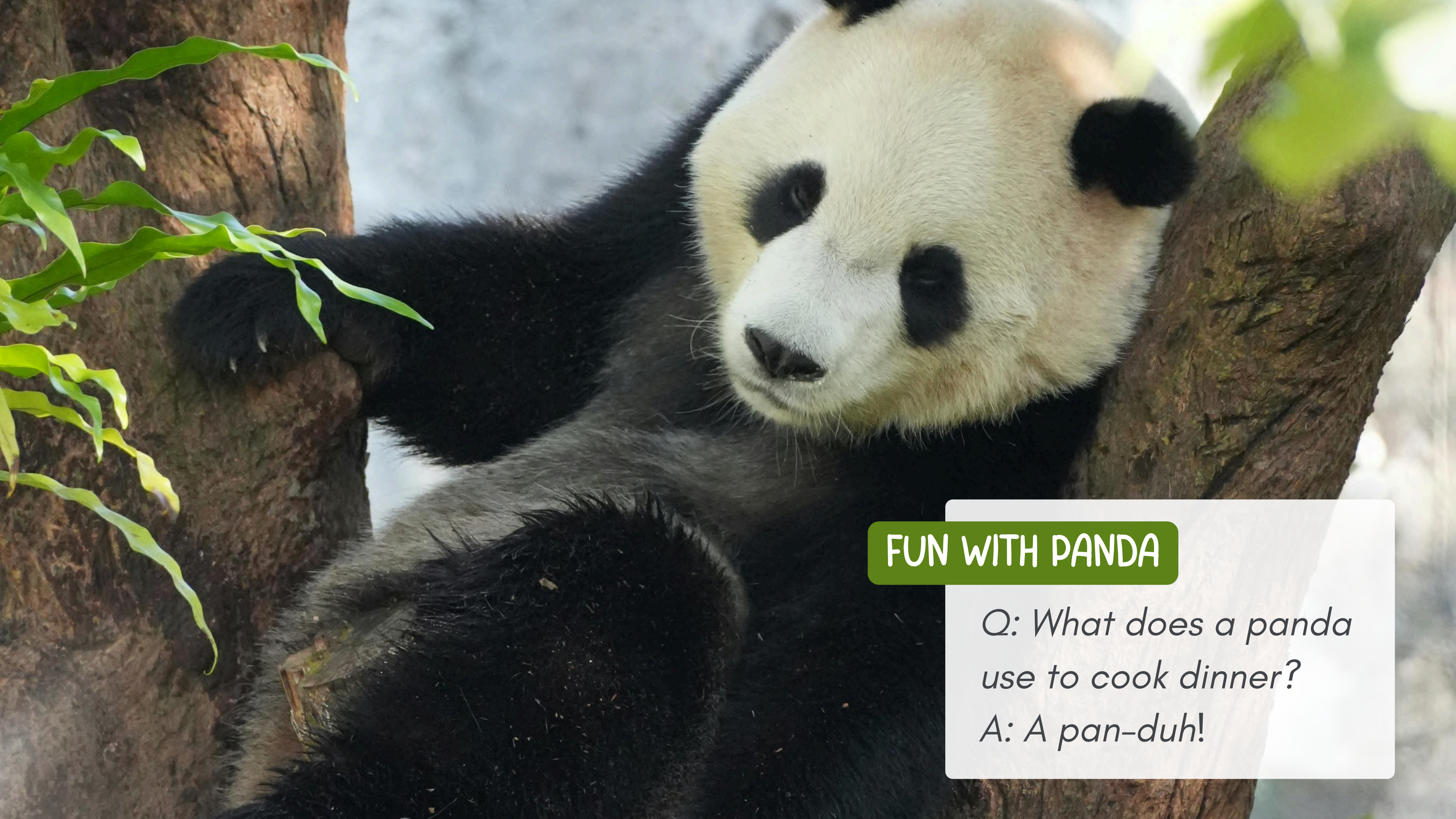
Cub – a baby panda or bear

Habitat – the natural home where an animal lives

Mammal – a warm-blooded animal with fur that feeds its babies milk

Nature reserve – a protected area where animals can live safely

Shoot – a young bamboo stem or sprout that pandas love to eat



FUN WITH PANDA

Q: What does a panda use to cook dinner?

A: A pan-duh!