

Pandas

Far away, in the mountains of China, there lives a special kind of animal. It is called a giant panda. A full-grown giant panda is as big as a black bear. It is about six feet long from its head to its tail. Giant pandas are
5 furry and fat. They look like great big teddy bears, only they are not brown like teddy bears. They are black and white.

Their legs are black. Their shoulders are black. Their ears are black, and the fur around their black eyes is
10 black too. Everywhere else their fur is white. Pandas have white faces and white middles and short white tails.

In the mountains where the pandas live, it is cold and damp. Snow covers the ground until May or June, and
15 the summers are rainy and wet. All the year round, bamboo plants grow tall and thick. Many years ago, hunters used to go to the mountains to shoot the pandas. Then the Chinese government said that nobody could shoot pandas any more. Nowadays
20 Chinese people sometimes climb the high mountains to look for a baby panda. When they find one, they carry it carefully down the mountains and take it to a zoo.

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- 1 In which country do pandas live?
- 2 Which toy do pandas look like?
- 3 How big is a full grown panda?
- 4 Which parts of the panda are black?
- 5 What is the weather like in the mountains where the pandas live?
- 6 Why do you think the panda needs thick fur?
- 7 Which plant do you think the panda likes to eat?
- 8 Why do you think the pandas were hunted?
- 9 Do you think baby pandas should be kept in zoos? Why do you think so?
- 10 Why do you think the Chinese Government stopped hunters from shooting pandas?
- 11 What word in the passage makes you think the Chinese look after their pandas?
- 12 Read the words in this list, and write out the words which you think fit the panda.

fierce free plump playful
angry cuddly kind

