



Giant pandas are only found in central China. There are only about a thousand still living in the wild and a few kept in zoos.

Pandas have large black patches around the eyes and over the ears. The rest of the body is white with black bands.

Nearly everything a panda eats is bamboo. They eat up to 18 kg of bamboo a day. They spend over 12 hours a day eating bamboo. Most of the rest of the time they rest or sleep.



The babies are tiny (about the size of a coffee mug), pink, hairless and blind. Their eyes open after 7 weeks and they can crawl after about 10 weeks. After 9 months they stop having the mother's milk and start eating bamboo. Most adult pandas live alone and if they meet another panda they may well fight.

The panda has been the World Wildlife Fund's logo since 1961.

## Questions

Fill in the missing words:

1. Giant pandas are only found in .....
2. There are only about one ..... pandas  
still living in the .....
3. Pandas have large ..... patches around the eyes  
and over the .....

Try to answer the following questions in sentences:

4. What do pandas eat? .....  
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5. How big is a baby panda when it is born? .....  
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Draw a picture of a giant panda.

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a black border, intended for a child to draw a picture of a giant panda.

## Answers

1. Giant pandas are only found in China.
2. There are only about one thousand pandas still living in the wild.
3. Pandas have large black patches around the eyes and over the ears.
4. Pandas eat bamboo.
5. A baby panda is tiny when it is born, about the size of a coffee cup.