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There are two kinds of panda bears, the giant panda and the lesser or red panda. They do not look alike. This Unit is about the giant panda. You may want to read about the red panda bears at the library or on the Internet.



**Panda bears once were classified as raccoons.
Now most scientists classify them as bears.**

The giant panda is a very popular animal. People all over the world have fallen in love with the panda.

Its body color is white with black legs, black ears, a patch of black circling each eye, and patches of black on its chest and shoulders. The giant panda has a teddy bear face.

Look up the definitions of the words below, and write them on the lines.

bamboo _____

esophagus _____

The giant panda has large jaw muscles which are needed to eat hard bamboo. A panda's forefoot has an extra thumb. This extra thumb is really an enlarged wrist bone. This helps it to hold and manipulate the bamboo.

Giant pandas will eat large variety of plants. Bamboo is the main food they eat. They will eat from twelve to sixteen hours a day.



The giant panda has a rough lining of its esophagus and stomach. This lining protects it from the splinters from the bamboo.

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Where Pandas Live

Giant pandas in the wild, live only in some of the beautiful mountain ranges in central China in China. The government of China has set aside safe areas for them to live.



Look in a book or on the Internet to find a map that shows where giant pandas live in China. Find China on a globe or world map.

There are not many giant pandas on the Earth today. They are rare. Scientists think there are about 1600 giant pandas in the wild today. There are a little over 200 in captivity. This is according to the organization called, “Pandas International”.

China allows some zoos in the world to have giant pandas. Scientists and others are working to keep the giant panda from extinction.

Do some research in books or on the Internet.

1. What does the word extinct mean? _____

2. Find out about a zoo that has giant pandas. Write a little about the pandas at the zoo.

Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

white oily panda clumsy
black bamboo extinct popular

