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### The Giant Panda: The World's Best-Loved Animal 402

Sopris West Six Minute Solution

The giant panda bear is a favorite of many people. Giant pandas are black and white **(animals)**. They are big and furry. They **(are)** cute and fun to watch. Pandas **(live)** in China. They live in bamboo **(forests)**. The bamboo forests grow in the **(mountains)** of southwest China.

The giant pandas **(eat)** bamboo. They only eat one kind **(of)** bamboo. This type of bamboo can **(suddenly)** grow flowers. The bamboo flowers for **(no)** reason at all. No one knows **(why)** or when the flowers will grow. **(It)** can happen anytime. The bamboo may **(flower)** once every ten years. Or it **(may)** go many more years without flowering. **(After)** the bamboo flowers, it dies. This **(happens)** all at once. Then the bamboo **(forests)** all over China die. This is **(very)** bad for the giant panda. It **(takes)** many months for the bamboo to **(grow)** again. Without bamboo, the giant pandas **(have)** no food. Many of the giant **(pandas)** die of hunger. Only about 1,000 giant **(pandas)** live in the world. This is **(not)** a big number. Pandas are in **(danger)**. They may become extinct. That means **(that)** pandas would no longer exist. The **(next)** time the bamboo flowers, many pandas **(may)** not survive. People want to help **(the)** giant pandas. They study bamboo forests. **(They)** try to learn more about the **(giant)** panda. The people of China set **(aside)** large areas of land. This land **(is)** to grow bamboo for the giant **(pandas)**. No one can live in these **(areas)**. The Chinese people hope that they **(can)** help the giant pandas. No one **(wants)** the panda to become extinct.



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The giant panda bear is a favorite of many people. Giant pandas are black and white (**grow, animals, time**). They are big and furry. They (**panda, are, hope**) cute and fun to watch. Pandas (**would, kind, live**) in China. They live in bamboo (**they, forests, longer**). The bamboo forests grow in the (**dies, mountains, have**) of southwest China.

The giant pandas (**flowering, eat, that**) bamboo. They only eat one kind (**type, of, big**) bamboo. This type of bamboo can (**or, all, suddenly**) grow flowers. The bamboo flowers for (**about, no, pandas**) reason at all. No one knows (**it, why, learn**) or when the flowers will grow. (**Try, It, Furry**) can happen anytime. The bamboo may (**flower, large, when**) once every ten years. Or it (**bear, next, may**) go many more years without flowering. (**They, After, Go**) the bamboo flowers, it dies. This (**world, live, happens**) all at once. Then the bamboo (**the, of, forests**) all over China die. This is (**at, is, very**) bad for the giant panda. It (**survive, takes, wants**) many months for the bamboo to (**extinct, grow, want**) again. Without bamboo, the giant pandas (**this, have, pandas**) no food. Many of the giant (**many, these, pandas**) die of hunger.

Only about 1,000 giant (**animals, giant, pandas**) live in the world. This is (**one, not, knows**) a big number. Pandas are in (**reason, danger, no**). They may become extinct. That means (**that, can, forests**) pandas would no longer exist. The (**means, next, danger**) time the bamboo flowers, many pandas (**giant, it, may**) not survive. People want to help (**ten, the, fun**) giant pandas. They study bamboo forests. (**They, Areas, Every**) try to learn more about the (**giant, aside, china**) panda. The people of China set (**aside, that, exist**) large areas of land. This land (**not, is, the**) to grow bamboo for the giant (**in, once, pandas**). No one can live in these (**for, areas, only**). The Chinese people hope that they (**cute, set, can**) help the giant pandas. No one (**suddenly, wants, without**) the panda to become extinct.