READING

1 Look at the picture below. In pairs, write down three things you know about pandas. Read the article once to check your ideas.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

1 The writer helped to look after giant pandas on her trip.
2 It's possible to find wild pandas in several countries.
3 Pandas only eat bamboo.
4 Baby pandas are very light when they are born.
5 Pandas start eating bamboo at the age of 18 months.
6 Scientists know exactly how many wild pandas there are.
7 It's possible to see a panda in Mexico.

Learning about the

GIANT PANDA

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When I planned my trip to China, one of things I really wanted to do was to work at the Dujiangyan Panda Base in Chengdu. I spent seven days there, looking after the pandas, giving them food and cleaning their enclosures.

While I was there, I learned a lot about pandas. Wild pandas live in bamboo forests, high in the mountains of central China. In the past, they also lived in other parts of China and in Myanmar and Vietnam, but they don't any more. They spend about 12 hours a day eating bamboo, but they sometimes eat other plants or small animals. At Dujiangyan, we also gave them fruit, like apples, and special panda cakes made of rice, eggs and flour and other things.

Adult giant pandas weigh between 75 and 135 kilograms. Females usually only have one baby panda, or cub, at a time. The cubs only weigh about 85 grams when they are born! The little cub drinks milk for about four months and then begins to eat bamboo. Young pandas stay with their mothers for around 18 months.

Scientists think there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 pandas in the wild. This is a low number, but it's double what it was in the 1970s. The reason the number is going up is because of all the work scientists are doing at places like the Dujiangyan panda base in Chengdu. There are also about 325 pandas in zoos in a number of different countries, including the United States, Mexico, Japan and Germany.



VOCABULARY Animals

14 **3** Match the words in the box to the photos A–J. Listen and check. Then repeat.

EP












dolphin elephant giraffe
monkey parrot penguin
polar bear snake
tiger whale

4 Answer the questions about the animals in Exercise 3.

1 Where do the animals come from?
2 Where do they live (sea, mountains, forest)?
3 Which are dangerous?
4 Look at each photo carefully. Are the animals in a zoo or are they wild?
5 How many other animals can you name in English?

TALKING POINTS

What are your five favourite animals?
Why do you like them?
How often do you go to zoos?
Do you like them?

Intro 4 – Worksheet

Animals

Name: _____

Date: _____

You can do it!

A Vocabulary

Look at the pictures. Write the words.


1. _____


2. _____


3. _____


4. _____


5. _____


6. _____


7. _____


8. _____


9. _____

lion elephant monkey giraffe zebra
penguin tiger crocodile panda

B Read and choose.

Circle the correct word.

1. The lion is a **big / small** animal.
2. The elephant has a **long / short** trunk.
3. The monkey is **fast / slow**.
4. The giraffe has a **long / short** neck.
5. The zebra is **black and white / brown**.
6. The penguin can **fly / can't fly**.
7. The tiger is a **dangerous / friendly** animal.
8. The crocodile is **big / small**.
9. The panda eats **meat / bamboo**.
10. The giraffe is **taller than / shorter than** the zebra.



C Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the correct animal.

lion elephant penguin zebra crocodile



1. This is a _____.
2. This is a _____.
3. This is a _____.
4. This is a _____.
5. This is an _____.

D Ask and answer.

Use the words in the box.

can can't is isn't have don't have

1. A: Can the penguin fly?
   B: _____.
2. A: Is the elephant big?
   B: _____.
3. A: Can the monkey climb?
   B: _____.
4. A: Does the tiger eat meat?
   B: _____.
5. A: Do giraffes have a long neck?
   B: _____.

E True or False?

Read the sentences. Write T (True) or F (False).

1. The penguin can fly. ☐
2. The crocodile is a dangerous animal. ☐
3. The giraffe is taller than the zebra. ☐
4. The panda eats bamboo. ☐
5. The monkey is fast. ☐



F Write about your favourite animal.

Use the words in the box.

can can't is has eat live

My favourite animal is _____.

It _____.

It _____.

It _____.

It _____.