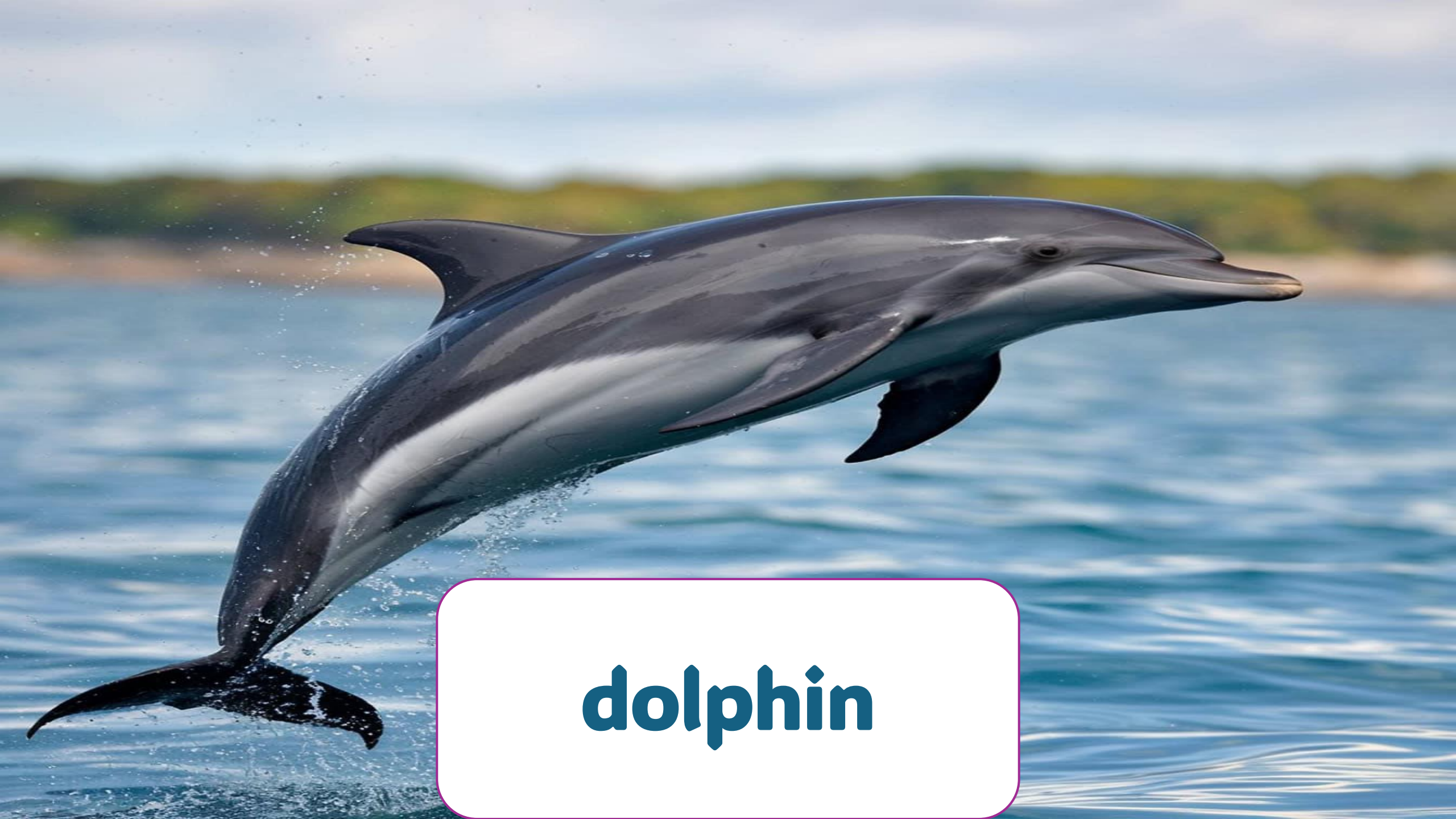


A person wearing a black long-sleeved button-down shirt is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has the words "HELLO AND WELCOME" printed in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The person's right hand is holding the left side of the sign, while their left hand is holding the right side. The left hand is also pointing its index finger towards the right. The background is a plain, light gray.

**HELLO
AND
WELCOME**





dolphin



elephant



giraffe



monkey



parrot



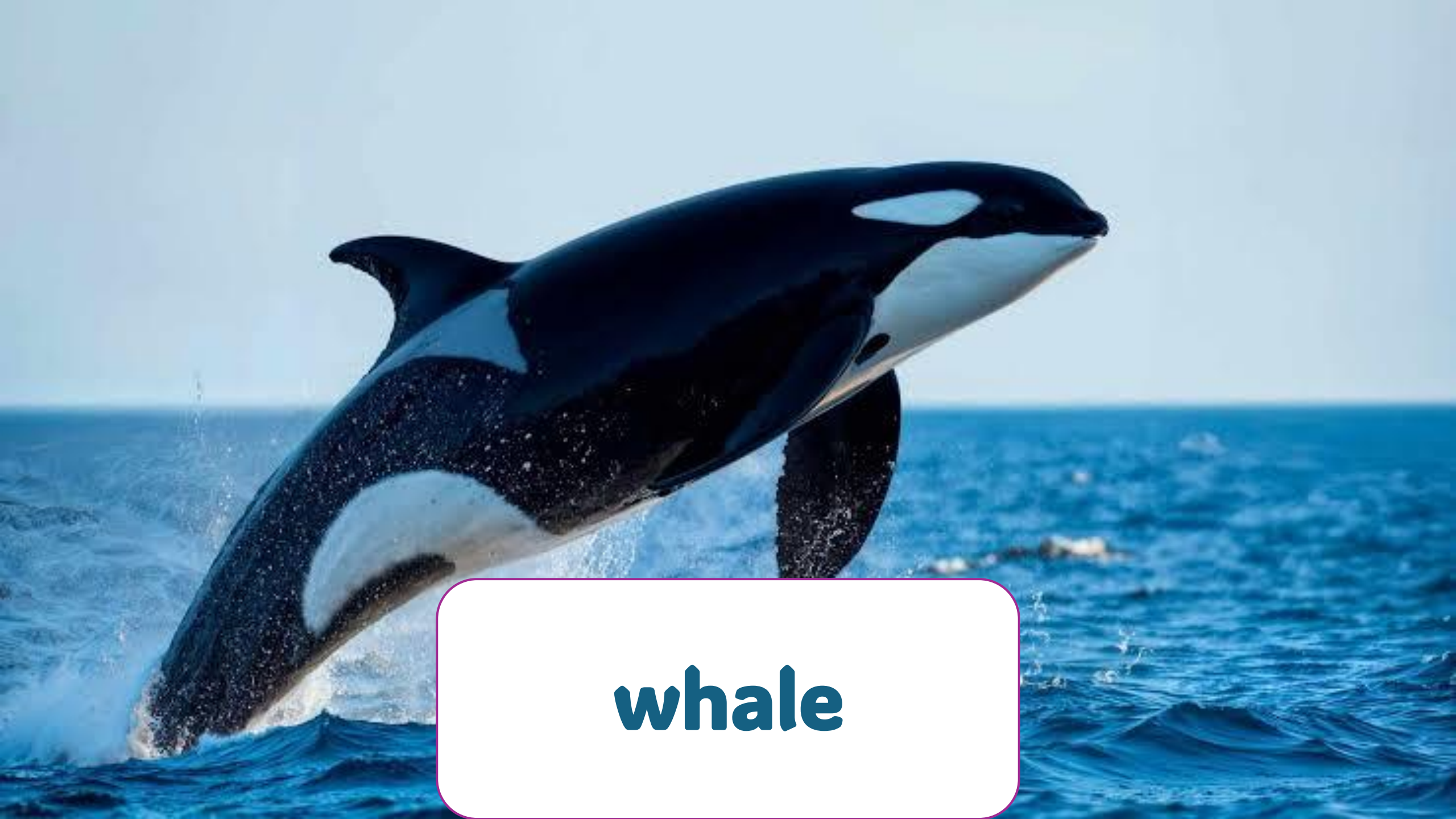
penguin



polar bear



snake



whale



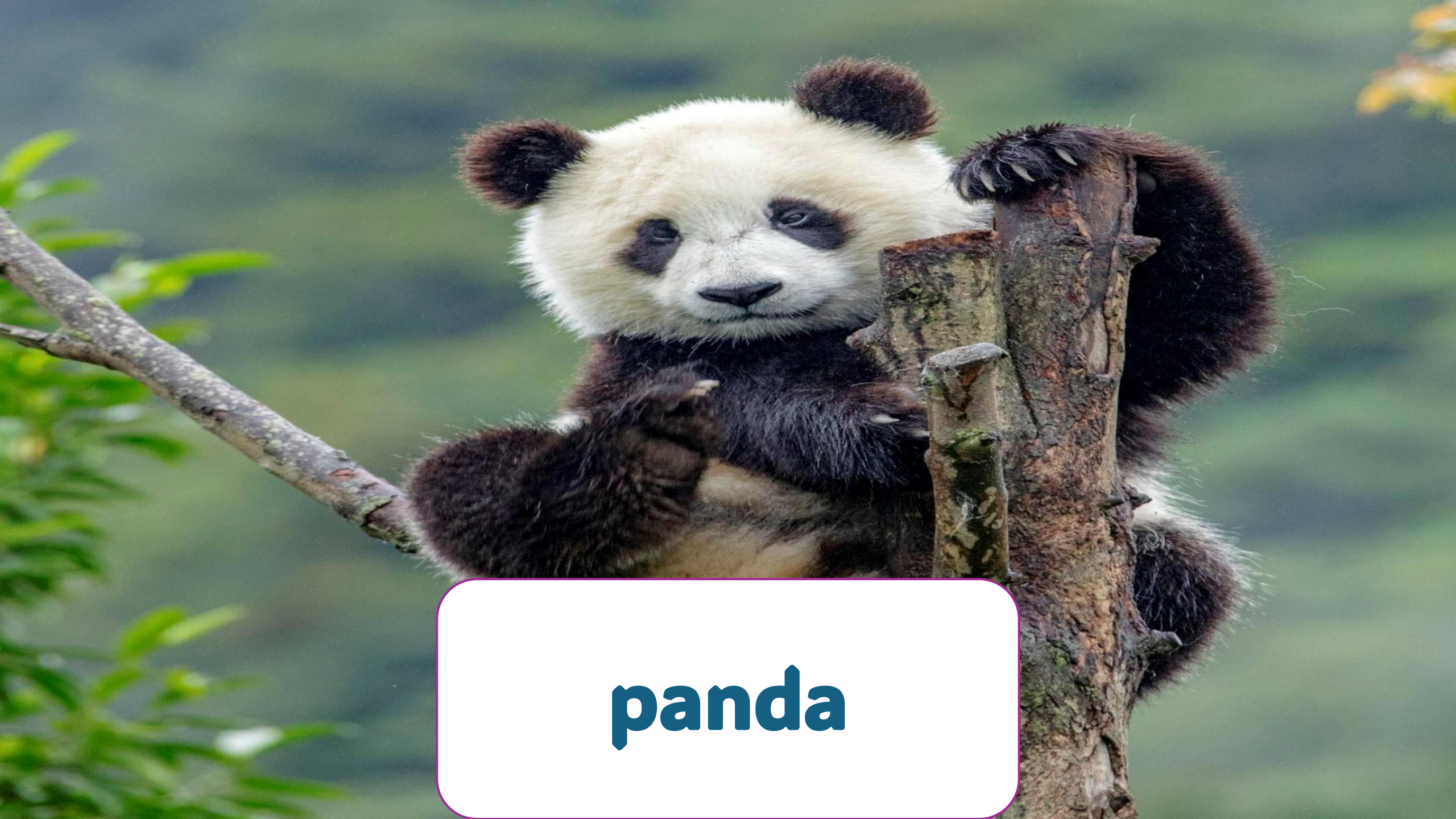
tiger



kakapo



sand cat



panda

Learning about the

GIANT PANDA



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.



LISTENING



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Listening Part 5

- 1** You will hear Gina talking to her uncle about some photos of animals. Where did he take each photo? For each question, choose the correct answer.



Photographs

- 0 lion *D*
- 1 monkey
- 2 snake
- 3 penguin
- 4 dolphin
- 5 elephant

Countries

- A Argentina
- B England
- C India
- D Kenya
- E Mexico
- F New Zealand
- G Scotland
- H South Africa





PREPARE TO WRITE

An article about an animal

GET READY Underline the prepositions *between, about, around* and *including* in the article about pandas on page 16. Think about their meaning. Which two have the same meaning in the article? Complete the sentences with *between, about, around* or *including*.

- 1 This competition is for anyone _____ the ages of 10 and 14.
- 2 There are _____ 40,000 African lions left in the wild.
- 3 All my friends, _____ Tariq, are interested in animals.
- 4 The zoo is closed _____ January and March.
- 5 I've got lots of pets, _____ a rabbit and two cats.

PLAN Plan your article about an animal. Choose one of the animals in Vocabulary Exercise 3 or a different one. Write three paragraphs. Make notes for what to include in each paragraph.

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|--------------------|---|
| Paragraph 1 | the kind of animal it is /
where it lives / what it eats |
| Paragraph 2 | what it weighs /
information about its
babies |
| Paragraph 3 | many are left in the wild /
in zoos |

WRITE Write your article. Try to include the prepositions from *Get Ready*.

IMPROVE In pairs, compare your articles. Can you improve them?

