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| **Panda Features:**  No one knows for sure why pandas are black and white. It is likely that there coloring helps them hide in the dark woods and snow.  Giant pandas all have the same markings. Pandas arms, legs, ears, nose, and eyes are black Their chest, back, and head is white.  Giant pandas can grow to weigh almost 300 pounds and stand six feet tall!! Since pandas are so tall they can reach branches that are very far away from them. That is how they go branch to branch when they climb trees. Pandas are especially hard to spot when they climb a tree because they like to sit in patches of leaves and eat them.  It’s amazing that baby pandas even survive at all because they are so tiny when they are born. Baby pandas only weigh 3 to 5 ounces and are about 6 inches tall. |

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| **What a Panda Eats**  Did you know that a panda eats up to 60 pounds of bamboo each day? Pandas eat the bamboo stems, leaves, and shoots. Bamboo is made up of 90% water. This is good that bamboo is so much water because if gives them much of the moisture they need. In zoos pandas get there water from water bowls.  Pandas eat a lot of bamboo! Giant pandas can spend up to 16 hours a day just eating! Pandas in the wild eat 42 different species of bamboo. 90% of the day pandas eat.  The reason pandas eat so much is that bamboo doesn't have many nutrients. Also, bamboo is very hard to digest and passes through their bodies very quickly. |

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| **What makes pandas special:**  Pandas are gentle, shy creatures that are being threatened with extinction. It is an endangered species struggling for existence. It is thought that only 1,000 pandas live in the wild. And only 100 living in zoos.  When I was young I really liked pandas and I did not want them to go extinct. So my friends and I put up posters to convince people to give us money so we  can donate it to the pandas. We raised up to 90 dollars and bought 12 groups of bamboo to help save pandas. |