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Panda bears

Pandas are bears that have black and white fur.

A panda has a large, round head.

It has black patches around its eyes.

It moves around slowly on its short, fat legs.

A few pandas have brown and cream fur.



Panda homes

Pandas live in forests in high mountains in the west of China. Adult pandas live alone. They rarely see other pandas.

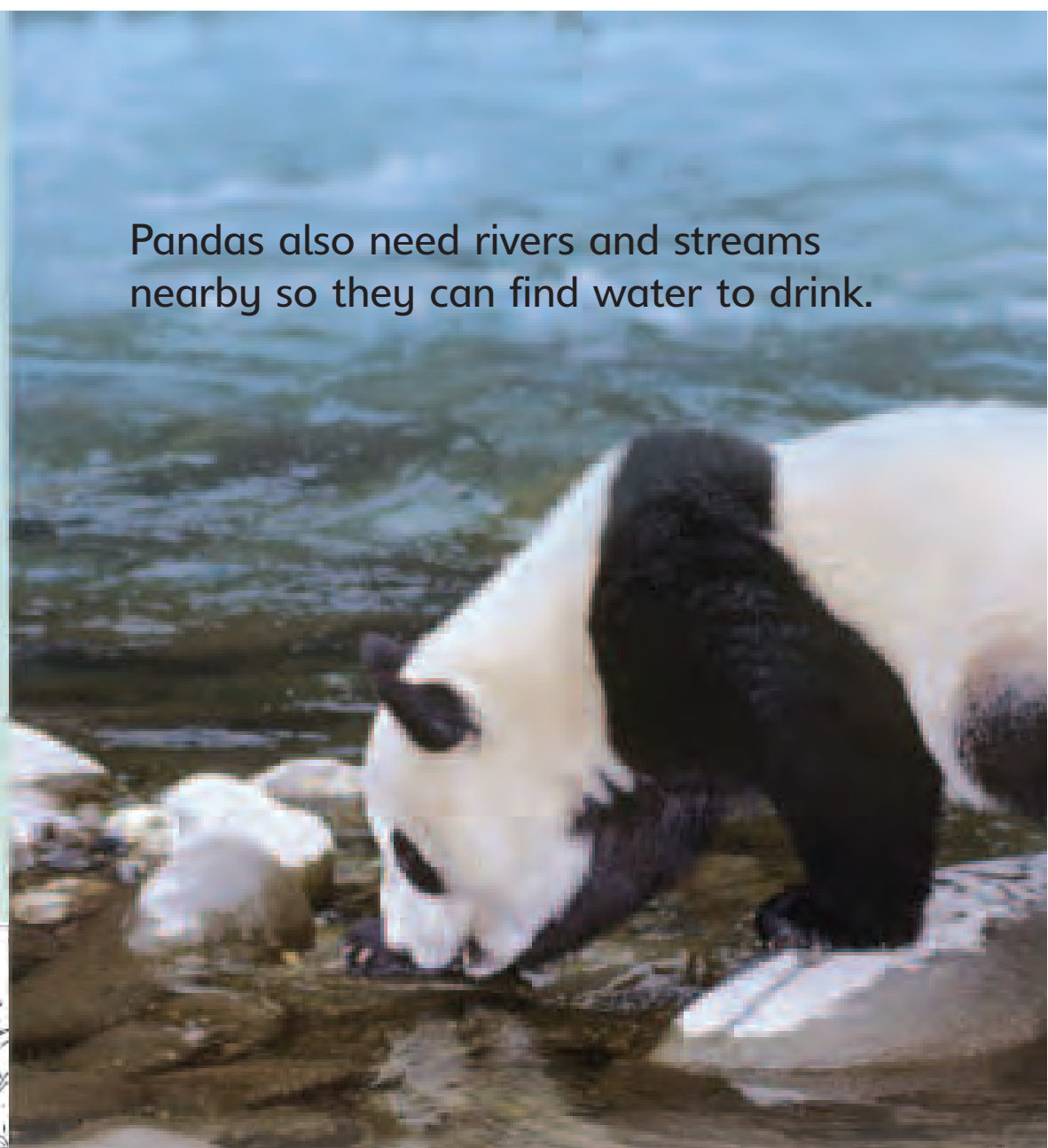


A panda finds part of a forest with plenty of trees and plants where it can hide.

Lots of bamboo plants grow here. They have tall stems and long, thin leaves.



Pandas also need rivers and streams nearby so they can find water to drink.



Young pandas sometimes live together in the same place.



Bamboo eaters

Pandas spend a lot of time eating. They mostly eat bamboo.



A panda sits down and stretches out its back legs before it starts to eat.



First the panda eats the shoots and leaves of a bamboo plant.



Then it eats the stem. It has strong teeth that are good for chewing.

Pandas hold their food in their front paws.

This panda is tearing strips from a stem of bamboo.



Sometimes pandas eat eggs, fruit and small animals such as rats too.

