Panda Quiz

Grades 3 to 8. Answer each question in a full sentence.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What food makes up almost all of a giant panda's diet?

2. What is the IUCN Red List status of the giant panda?

3. What is the IUCN Red List status of the red panda?

4. True or false: the red panda is a small kind of giant panda. Explain your answer.

5. Name one reason scientists give for the giant panda's black and white coat.

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Panda Quiz: Answer Key

For teachers. Sources: IUCN Red List assessments; Caro et al. (2017), Behavioral Ecology, doi.org/10.1093/beheco/arx008.

1. Bamboo.
2. Vulnerable (2016 assessment).
3. Endangered (2015 assessment).
4. False. The red panda is the only living member of its own family, Ailuridae. It is not a bear.
5. Caro and colleagues (2017) suggest the white areas help with camouflage against snow and the dark ears and eye patches help with communication.

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