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THE RED PANDA



GETTING TO KNOW...

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Region & Habitat	Eastern Himalayas
Classification	Mammal
Size	8.2 – 14 lbs (Male), 6.6 – 13 lbs (Female)
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Mostly Nocturnal
Conservation Status	Endangered
Average Lifespan	8 - 10 years
Diet	Mainly leaves and bamboo, but occasionally snack on fruit, insects, bird eggs and small lizards, too.
Scientific Name	Ailurus fulgens
Fun Fact	Red pandas are very skillful and acrobatic animals that predominantly stay in trees.

Slightly larger than a domestic cat, the Red Panda has a bear-like body with thick russet fur. Its belly and limbs are black and there are white markings on the side of its head and above its small eyes. They use their long, bushy tails for balance and to cover themselves in winter for warmth. Not related to the Giant Panda, recent genetic research shows the Red Panda falls into its own independent genetic family and is most closely related to skunks, raccoons and weasels.

Largely herbivorous, the Red Panda's diet is about 95% bamboo primarily focusing on the nutritious leaf tips and tender shoots. And much like Giant Panda, Red Pandas grasp the plant stems using their forepaws and shear the leaves off with their mouth.

With less than 10,000 individual Red Pandas worldwide, the Red Panda falls on the Endangered Species list. The decline in this animal's population is mainly due to the loss of its nesting trees and bamboo because of deforestation.

More Fun Facts:

- Red Pandas can defecate the equivalent of their body weight in one week!
- The Chinese word for Red Panda is "Hun-ho", meaning "fire fox".
- In order to conserve energy when temperatures drop, Red Pandas can put themselves in a "torpor", a deep sleep that slows their metabolic rate.

WORD SEARCH

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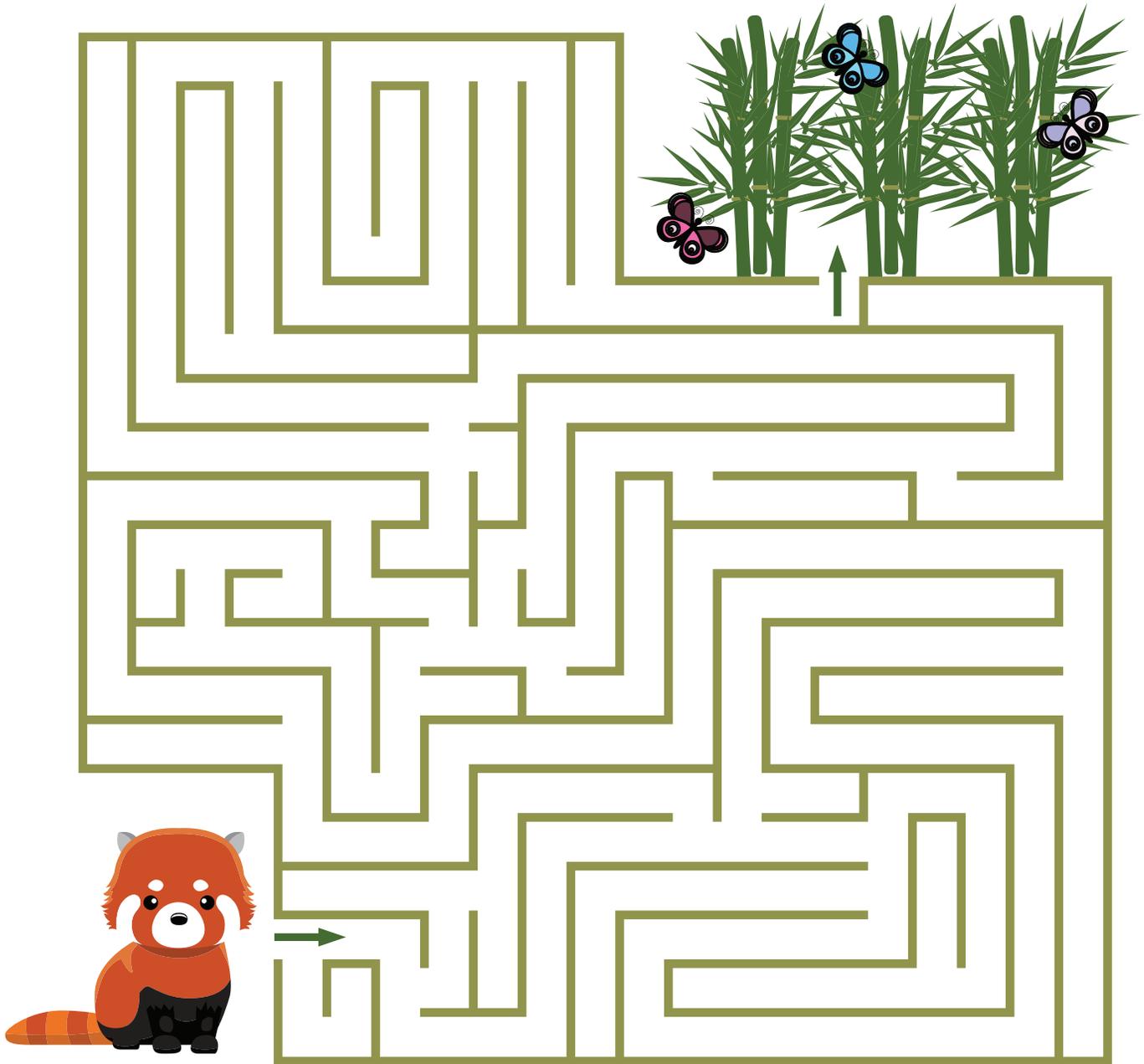
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