

A close-up photograph of a giant panda's face, showing its characteristic black and white fur, black eye patches, and a pink tongue sticking out slightly. The panda is looking directly at the camera.

Giant Pandas

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Bao Bao is a giant panda.
She lives at the National
Zoo in Washington, D.C.

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Bao Bao
[bough BOUGH]
means
"precious treasure"
in Chinese.



Giant pandas are special animals. They are **endangered**.



There are fewer than 2,500 giant pandas living today.



NEW WORD

endangered

in-DEYN-jerd

Being **endangered** means there are not many of that animal left on Earth.

SAY IT OUT LOUD

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