

Giant pandas are a symbol of China. Let's learn more about them and show our love for them!



Why are giant pandas a symbol of China?

We can only find wild giant pandas in China. They are a Chinese national treasure.

These huge bears live mainly in bamboo forests high in the mountains of western China.

Giant pandas eat mainly bamboo.

Giant pandas eat 10–16 hours a day!

Giant pandas can climb trees! They can also swim.

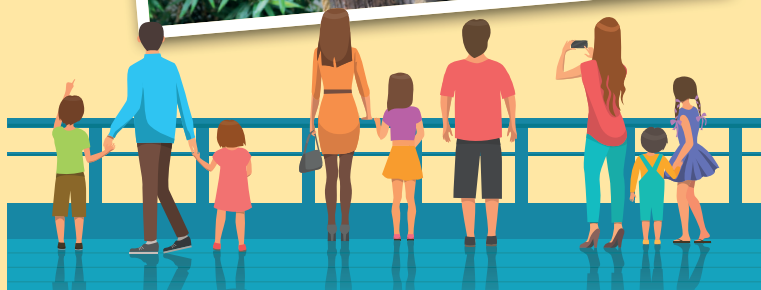
Baby giant pandas are pink.



Making friends with giant pandas!

Giant pandas come from China, but you can see them in other places too. Sometimes, China sends giant pandas to other countries to show friendship.

Many people go to see these giant pandas at zoos and theme parks.





Circle the correct answers. You can choose more than one answer.

1 Where do giant pandas live?	They live in bamboo forests / parks.
2 What do giant pandas eat?	They eat trees / bamboo.
3 What can giant pandas do?	They can climb / jump / swim / read.



LET'S THINK

What can we do to help others learn about giant pandas and show our love for the pandas?

LET'S

DO THIS

Create a poster to show your love for giant pandas and invite tourists to visit them in Hong Kong.

Visit the giant pandas at Ocean Park!



Pandas are fun
they are excellent
tree climbers!

What are some fun facts about giant pandas?
Where can tourists see giant pandas in Hong Kong?

Why do you love giant pandas? How do you feel when you see them?

What can you say to encourage tourists to visit them in Hong Kong?

Visit the giant pandas at Ocean Park and show love for them. They are a symbol of China!



Chinese opera is an important part of our culture. It tells old stories with music and colourful costumes. Let's preserve this art form!



What is Chinese opera?

Chinese opera is a traditional Chinese musical performance. It mixes music, singing, acting and dancing. Performers wear fancy costumes and makeup. The music accompanies the performers' moves on the stage and helps to tell the story.

The stories of Chinese opera often come from Chinese history and traditional tales. There are different types of Chinese opera such as Peking, Cantonese and Sichuan Opera. Each type has its own special style.

Chinese opera has been part of China's culture for hundreds of years and it is still popular today! In fact, Chinese opera is on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list.



Chinese opera costumes have very detailed designs. There are special patterns and decorations that are often sewn by hand.

Each type of Chinese opera has its own style of makeup. In Peking Opera, the makeup is very special because it uses bright colours to show the characters' personality.



careless, impatient



brave, loyal

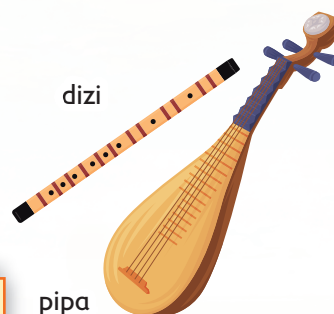


cruel, violent



honest, selfless

cunning



dizi

pipa



erhu



gong

Common Chinese instruments used in Chinese opera.



Fill in the blanks.

Chinese opera	It is a traditional ① _____ performance.
Costumes	Performers wear costumes with special ② _____ . People usually make them by ③ _____ .
Makeup	In Peking Opera, the colour of the makeup can tell you the ④ _____ of the character the performer is playing.
Music	Music is important because it helps to tell the ⑤ _____ .



LET'S THINK

What can we do to preserve Chinese opera?

LET'S

DO THIS

Watch a Chinese opera performance and write a blog entry about it.



- What is the name of the opera?
- Who are the characters?
- What is the story about?
- What do their costumes look like?
- What is so special about the costumes / makeup / music?
- What do you think of Chinese opera?
- Would you recommend it to your friends? Why?