

English lesson 1 LO: To record information from non-fiction texts

Task 1 – Read the information about each animal.

Pandas

Pandas are the national animal of China. They are related to bears and have black eye patches.

What do pandas look like?

There are two different types of panda. The giant panda is the most well known but the red panda also lives in the mountains in China. The red panda has a long tail and is the same size as a cat. The giant panda is much bigger and has black and white fur. Both the red and giant pandas are have long, sharp claws that they use to climb trees and strip bamboo.



What do pandas eat?

Pandas are very fussy eaters. Most pandas only eat bamboo, a type of grass. A giant panda will eat half their own weight in bamboo every day.



A giant panda eating bamboo.

What do pandas do?

Pandas spend most of their time eating or sleeping. Young pandas like to play with each other and can be very naughty

Did you know?

Pandas are endangered and if they are not looked after could become extinct.

Elephants

Elephants live in Africa and India and are the largest animals that live on land.

What do elephants look like?

Elephants have tough grey skin and large ears. They have a long nose called a trunk that they use to drink water. African elephants have bigger ears than Indian elephants. Elephants have tusks to protect them from other animals.

What do elephants eat?

Elephants are herbivores and eat bark and leaves from trees.

What do elephants do?

Elephants are usually very gentle but can get quite cross. Elephants are very clever and know how to find water even when it is far away. When they find water they like to swim.



A bull elephant.

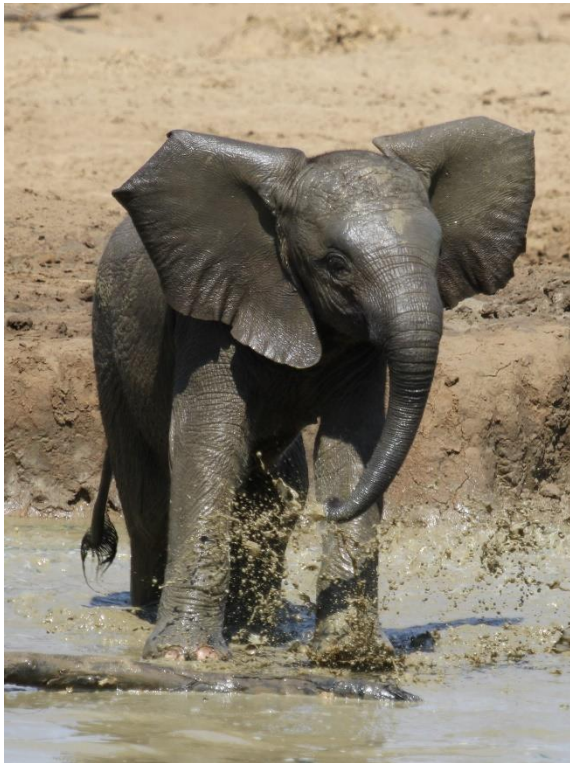
Did you know?

A mother elephant is called a cow. The dad is a bull and a baby is called a calf!

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Task 2

1. Write down three things you are told about Pandas.
2. Write down three things you are told about Elephants.
3. Give two reasons why Pandas have long sharp claws.
4. What is a baby elephant called?
5. What do Pandas spend most of their time doing?
6. Why do Elephants have tusks?



Each text has a “Did You Know?” box at the bottom.

Why do you think a non-fiction text has these?



Task

Do some research and write your own “**Did You Know?**” fact for each of the two animals that could be added to these non-fiction reports.