

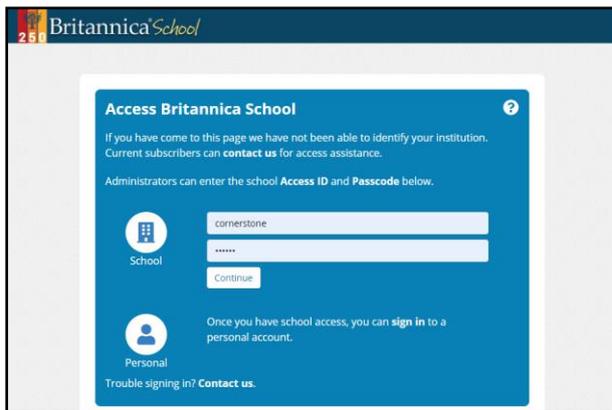
Making the most of Britannica

Help Guide

Encyclopaedia Britannica now offers an online facility for schools. As a trust, we use Britannica as a way of bringing reading into the classroom in a purposeful way that supplements curriculum information. Teachers will often link to Britannica articles from the class' OneNote notebook. On the other hand, children can simply browse Britannica for their own enjoyment on topics that they are interested in.

Accessing Britannica

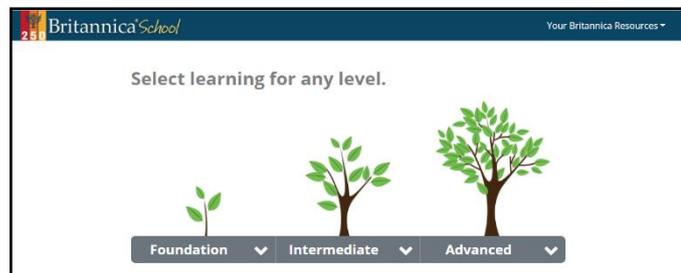
To log on to the Britannica resource for schools visit this link: [Britannica School \(eb.co.uk\)](http://Britannica School (eb.co.uk)).



Once on the site, your child can login with the general username: cornerstone, password: devon1.

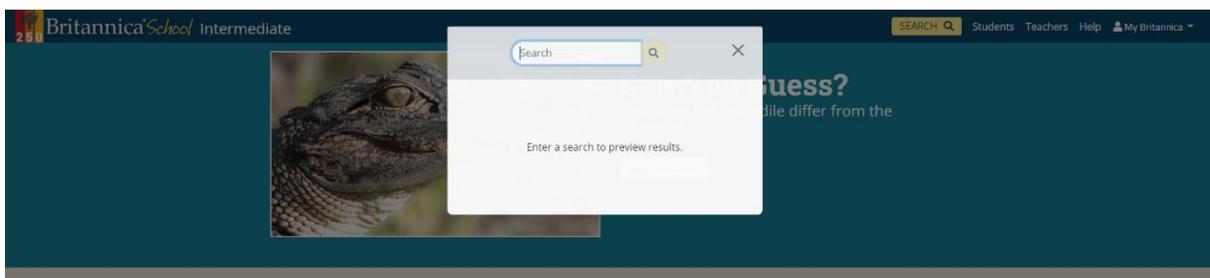
As the site does not store children's activities or work then there is no need for an individual account. However, if your child is likely to be an avid user of the site, there is an option to set up an account for them, which is outlined later in this guide.

Once logged in, you will be able to select from three levels of reading ability before logging in. This level is not fixed and can be altered after login. Our suggestion would generally be that primary pupils use either the foundation or intermediate options at login. Please note that if your child is following a link to a specific article, given by their teacher then the link will take them to the level of article that the teacher deems appropriate.



Searching for articles

If your child has an area of interest that they would like to search for, they can enter it at the top of the page.



The results of the search will then be available. Your child can then select the type of media and the reading level of article that they need.

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giant panda (mammal) ☆

giant panda | Two mammals native to the bamboo forests of Asia are called pandas : the giant panda and the much smaller red panda . They are both members ...

bear (mammal) ☆ - TOP 3 RESULTS. 1 MORE RESULTS IN BEAR.

Giant Panda

Giant **Panda** | The giant **panda** (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) of China was long thought to be very closely related to raccoons, but most scientists now classify ...

Life Cycle

Giant **pandas** and nonpregnant polar bears are exceptions.) The bears sleep through the time of year when their food supplies would be scarce. In late summer and ...

Behavior

The giant **panda** is also nearly always a vegetarian, eating almost solely bamboo. Like humans, bears walk in plantigrade fashion, or on the soles of the ...

Adjusting the Reading Level

If your child requires a simpler layout and writing style, or they would like to read a more in-depth article, this can be modified.

Foundation View

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Did You Know?
Giant panda mothers often have twins, but they usually can care for only one cub.

Introduction

The name panda is used for two mammals that live in Asia. The giant panda and the lesser panda are thought to be related but are not much alike in appearance. The giant panda is generally classified as a bear. The lesser panda, also called the red, or common, panda, is placed in the raccoon family.



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Intermediate View

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Two mammals native to the bamboo forests of Asia are called pandas: the giant panda and the much smaller red panda. They are both members of the order Carnivora (the carnivores) but have been difficult to classify further. They were once thought to be closely related to each other and to either bears or raccoons. Through genetic studies, however, scientists have determined that the giant panda is a bear, in the family Ursidae. The red panda is now usually classified in its own family, Ailuridae. The giant panda is also commonly called panda bear. Its scientific name is *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*.

Giant pandas are found in bamboo forests in the mountains of

Advanced View

The screenshot shows the Britannica School Intermediate website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Students', 'Teachers', and 'Help'. The main header features the title 'giant panda' in a large, bold font. Below the header, there are social media sharing icons and a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' menu. The article content includes a 'Did You Know?' box with a fact about panda mothers, an 'Introduction' section with two images of pandas, and a detailed paragraph describing the species' physical characteristics and habitat. The text mentions that giant pandas are bearlike mammals that inhabit bamboo forests in central China and are listed as a threatened species.

Other features

The homepage for the site also has a range of additional features. This includes:

- Word of the day
- World News
- Quiz challenges
- Compare countries

This section features a 'Daily Buzzword' for the word 'elevate'. The word is displayed in a large, bold font, followed by its part of speech 'verb' and its phonetic transcription 'EL-uh-vayt'. A speaker icon indicates an audio pronunciation feature. Below the word, there are two columns of text: 'What does it mean?' and 'How do you use it?'. The 'What does it mean?' column lists four definitions: 1. to lift up or make higher, 2. raise, 3. to raise in rank or importance, and 4. to improve the mind or spirits of. The 'How do you use it?' column provides a quote from Herman Melville's 'Moby Dick' describing a character's posture. At the bottom of the section, there is a 'Can you Guess?' quiz with four image-based questions. The first question shows a rocky coastline and asks why the Atlantic is the saltiest ocean. The second shows the Angkor Wat temple complex and asks why it was transformed into a Buddhist shrine. The third shows a portrait of a man in a hood and asks for the explorer's name. The fourth shows a round table with knights and asks why King Arthur and his knights gathered there. A 'More Can You Guess?' button is located at the bottom of the quiz area.