**Narrative 1**

**Bamboo shortage a risk to pandas (13th November, 2012)**

The giant panda is already on the endangered list. The number of pandas in the world has been falling for decades. There are several reasons for this. One is that many of the panda's forests have gone. They have been cut down to make towns and cities. Another is the fact that the animal breeds very slowly and has few cubs (baby pandas). The panda is now facing another big threat to its survival – a shortage of food. A new report shows that bamboo, the panda's main food, is disappearing because of climate change. Bamboo is pretty much the only food the panda eats. Ninety-nine per cent of its diet is bamboo. An adult panda needs around 38 kilograms of bamboo every day.

The study predicts that nearly all the bamboo in China's Qinling Mountains could disappear by the end of this century because of global warming. That means pandas would have nothing to eat. The study said: "Results suggest that almost the entire panda habitat in the [Qinling] region may disappear by the end of the 21st century." The researchers said the only chance of survival the panda has is if they move higher up the mountains. Scientist Jianguo Liu warned that we must start helping pandas now, saying: "It is tough, but I think there's still hope, if we take action now." Panda lovers are shocked at this latest bad news. Panda expert Chang Leng said it was time for the world to wake up and help the panda.

**WARM-UPS**

**1. PANDAS:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about pandas. Change partners often. Share your findings with your first partner.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

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|  | *giant panda / endangered list / decades / forests / big threat / survival / bamboo / predicts / global warming / habitat / 21st century / mountains / tough / bad news / help*  |

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently

**3. HELP THE PANDA:** How? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

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|  | **What to do to help** | **How to start** | **Chances of success** |
| Letters |  |  |  |
| Internet |  |  |  |
| Friends |  |  |  |
| Bamboo |  |  |  |
| Zoos |  |  |  |
| China |  |  |  |

**4. SURVIVE:** Students A **strongly** believe the giant panda will survive in the wild; Students B **strongly** believe it has no chance. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. BAD NEWS:** What global warming news is worst? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| * pandas have no bamboo
* Arctic ice melting
* more hurricanes
* malaria to spread
 | * air-conditioning ban
* droughts and desertification
* increase in health problems
* loss of biodiversity
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**6. GLOBAL WARMING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the term 'global warming'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. | The giant panda will soon be put on the endangered list. | T / F |
| b. | The article gives seven reasons for the fall in panda numbers. | T / F |
| c. | Bamboo is disappearing because of a bug that is eating it. | T / F |
| d. | Around 99% of a panda's diet is bamboo. | T / F |
| e. | A report said the bamboo in a Chinese mountain range may disappear. | T / F |
| f. | The report says the bamboo could disappear in the next two decades. | T / F |
| g. | Pandas may survive if there is bamboo higher up the mountains. | T / F |
| h. | A panda expert said the world should wake up and help the panda. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

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| 1. | endangered | a. | danger |
| 2 | several | b. | difficult |
| 3. | gone | c. | a number of |
| 4. | threat | d. | food |
| 5. | diet | e. | threatened |
| 6. | predicts | f. | likelihood |
| 7. | entire | g. | specialist |
| 8. | chance | h. | whole |
| 9. | tough | i. | disappeared |
| 10. | expert | j. | forecasts |

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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| The giant panda is already on the endangered (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The number of pandas in the world has been falling for (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There are several reasons for this. One is that many of the panda's forests have gone. They have been cut (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make towns and cities. Another is the fact that the animal (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very slowly and has few cubs (baby pandas). The panda is now facing another big threat to its (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – a shortage of food. A new report shows that bamboo, the panda's main food, is disappearing because of (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ change. Bamboo is (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much the only food the panda eats. Ninety-nine per cent of its diet is bamboo. An (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ panda needs around 38 kilograms of bamboo every day.  |  | *climateadultdecadesbreedslistprettydownsurvival* |
| The study predicts that (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the bamboo in China's Qinling Mountains could disappear by the (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this century because of global warming. That means pandas would have nothing to eat. The study said: "Results suggest that almost the (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ panda habitat in the [Qinling] region may disappear by the end of the 21st century." The researchers said the only (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of survival the panda has is if they move (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up the mountains. Scientist Jianguo Liu warned that we must start helping pandas now, saying: "It is (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I think there's still hope, if we take action now." Panda lovers are (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at this latest bad news. Panda expert Chang Leng said it was time for the world to (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up and help the panda. |  | *chanceshockedendwakenearlyhigherentiretough* |

**Multiple Choice Quiz**

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| 1) | The giant panda is already on the  |
|  | a. dentures list.b. dangerous list.c. indigenous list.d. endangered list. |
| 2) | They have been cut down to  |
|  | a. make towns and cities.b. make bamboo toys and gifts.c. make chopsticks.d. make room for humans. |
| 3) | The panda is now \_\_\_\_\_\_ to its survival |
|  | a. forcing a national big treadb. facing other big threadsc. forcing a further treatd. facing another big threat |
| 4) | Bamboo is \_\_\_\_\_\_ food the panda eats |
|  | a. pretty much the onlyb. much only the prettyc. only the pretty muchd. the only much pretty |
| 5) | An adult panda \_\_\_\_\_\_ kilograms of bamboo every day. |
|  | a. needs around 308b. eats around 308c. needs around 38d. eats around 38 |
| 6) | disappear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this century |
|  | a. by theme ofb. be an end ofc. be all and end alld. by the end on |
| 7) | the only chance of survival the panda \_\_\_\_\_\_ move higher up the mountains |
|  | a. had is if theyb. haze is in therec. have is if thered. has is if they |
| 8) | It is tough, but I think … |
|  | a. there are still hopesb. there's still hopec. the hopes are stilld. the hope is still |
| 9) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are shocked at this latest bad news. |
|  | a. Panda loversb. Lovely pandasc. Loving pandasd. Panda lovelies |
| 10) | … time for the world to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and help the panda. |
|  | a. weigh cupb. wake upc. go to bedd. take a nap**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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| **1.** | What kind of list is the panda on? |
| **2.** | Why have the panda's forests disappeared? |
| **3.** | What does the article say about the panda's breeding habits? |
| **4.** | What does the figure of 99 mean? |
| **5.** | What kind of panda eats around 38 kg of bamboo a day? |
| **6.** | When might the Qinling Mountains bamboo disappear? |
| **7.** | What did the study say the panda must do to survive? |
| **8.** | What did Jianguo Liu say must start now? |
| **9.** | Who did this latest news shock? |
| **10.** | What did Chang Leng say it was time for the world to do?**ROLE PLAY**

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| **Role A – A giant panda**Your ancestors have lived in the mountains for tens of thousands of years. It is your home. You hate humans. Think of three reasons why. You want them to knock down their cities. Tell them to stop making pollution that warms the Earth. If the pandas die, humans will also die.  |
| **Role B – A zoo keeper**You want to take more pandas from the mountains and put them in zoos. Pandas will survive forever in zoos. People also want to see cute baby pandas. Looking at baby pandas is a great education for children. You will get a lot of money for every panda that is in your zoo.  |
| **Role C – A scientist**You have just finished research that is bad news for pandas. All the bamboo will disappear in 20 years. People want more cities in the mountains. Global warming means more insects will move north and eat all the bamboo. The only chance pandas have is if humans all live next to the sea. You hate zoos.  |
| **Role D – A bamboo farmer**You can grow enough bamboo for pandas to eat 50 kg a day. You cannot take the bamboo to the mountains, but you can take it to the zoos in the city. You also want to sell pandas as pets. You make lots of money and pandas have a nice life in people's gardens eating bamboo all day. |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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| 1.  | What is on the endangered list?  | 6.  | How much of the Qinling Mountains bamboo could disappear?  |
|  | a) A gentle panda.b) The giant panda.c) The gentle panda.d) A giant panda. |  | a) Between 60% to 80% of it.b) Around two-thirds of it.c) Nearly all of it.d) Half of it. |
| 2.  | How many reasons does the article give for falling panda numbers?  | 7.  | Why is the bamboo now disappearing?  |
|  | a) Severe.b) Seventeen.c) Seven.d) Several. |  | a) Floods and forest fires.b) Too many hungry pandas.c) A bamboo-eating bug.d) Global warming. |
| 3.  | What are baby pandas called?  | 8.  | How many chances do researchers say the pandas have?  |
|  | a) Cubs.b) Calves.c) Cuties.d) Chicks. |  | a) One.b) Plenty.c) Enough.d) Several. |
| 4.  | What is the panda now facing?  | 9.  | What has shocked panda lovers?  |
|  | a) A short, sharp shock.b) A shotgun and floods.c) A shortage of food.d) A short age to live. |  | a) The latest bad news.b) The late, late news.c) The latest sad news.d) The last piece of shocking news. |
| 5.  | How much of what a panda eats is bamboo?  | 10.  | What must wake up to help the panda?  |
|  | a) 98%b) 99%c) 99.8%d) 99.9% |  | a) Hunters.b) The world.c) Scientists.d) Baby pandas. |

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**SPELLING**

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| **Paragraph 1** |
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| 12. | Panda lovers are ocheksd at this latest bad news**PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER****Number these lines in the correct order.**

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| ( ***1*** ) | The giant panda is already on the endangered list. The number of pandas in the world has been |
| ( ) | of climate change. Bamboo is pretty much the only food the panda eats. Ninety-nine per cent |
| ( ) | of its diet is bamboo. An adult panda needs around 38 kilograms of bamboo every day. |
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| ( ) | century because of global warming. That means pandas would have nothing to |
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| ( ) | The study predicts that nearly all the bamboo in China's Qinling Mountains could disappear by the end of this |
| ( ) | slowly and has few cubs (baby pandas). The panda is now facing another big threat to its survival – a shortage |
| ( ) | news. Panda expert Chang Leng said it was time for the world to wake up and help the panda. |

**Correct the word order of each sentence** |
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| 2.  | animal slowly few The very has breeds and cubs.  |
| 3.  | facing The another panda big is threat now.  |
| 4.  | the panda eats Bamboo is pretty much the only food.  |
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**CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

The giant panda is *ready / already* on the endangered list. The number of pandas in the world has been *falling / failing* for decades. There are several reasons for this. One is *this / that* many of the panda's forests have gone. They have been cut *down / up* to make towns and cities. Another is the fact that the animal breeds very slowly and has few *puppies / cubs* (baby pandas). The panda is now facing another big *threat / treat* to its survival – a *shortage / short* of food. A new report shows that bamboo, the panda's *main / pain* food, is disappearing because of climate change. Bamboo is pretty *many / much* the only food the panda eats. Ninety-nine per cent of its diet is bamboo. An adult panda needs *round / around* 38 kilograms of bamboo every day.

The study predicts that nearly *all / every* the bamboo in China's Qinling Mountains could disappear *by / on* the end of this century because of global warming. That means pandas *would / should* have nothing to eat. The study said: "Results suggest that almost the *entirely / entire* panda habitat in the [Qinling] region may disappear by the end of the *21st / 20th* century." The researchers said the *only / lonely* chance of survival the panda has is if they move higher *down / up* the mountains. Scientist Jianguo Liu warned that we must start helping pandas *now / one day*, saying: "It is tough, but I think there's still hope, if we *take / give* action now." Panda lovers are shocked at this latest bad news. Panda expert Chang Leng said it was time for the world to *wake up / nap* and help the panda.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

**INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)**

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**PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS**

the giant panda is already on the endangered list the number of pandas in the world has been falling for decades there are several reasons for this one is that many of the panda's forests have gone they have been cut down to make towns and cities another is the fact that the animal breeds very slowly and has few cubs (baby pandas) the panda is now facing another big threat to its survival – a shortage of food a new report shows that bamboo the panda's main food is disappearing because of climate change bamboo is pretty much the only food the panda eats ninety-nine per cent of its diet is bamboo an adult panda needs around 38 kilograms of bamboo every day

the study predicts that nearly all the bamboo in china's qinling mountains could disappear by the end of this century because of global warming that means pandas would have nothing to eat the study said "results suggest that almost the entire panda habitat in the [qinling] region may disappear by the end of the 21st century" the researchers said the only chance of survival the panda has is if they move higher up the mountains scientist jianguo liu warned that we must start helping pandas now saying "it is tough but i think there's still hope if we take action now" panda lovers are shocked at this latest bad news panda expert chang leng said it was time for the world to wake up and help the panda

**PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE**

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**FREE WRITING**

Write about **pandas** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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**ACADEMIC WRITING**

*We must wake up and help the giant panda. Unfortunately, the world is too lazy, stupid and greedy.* Discuss.

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