



STAGE 4

The Red Panda

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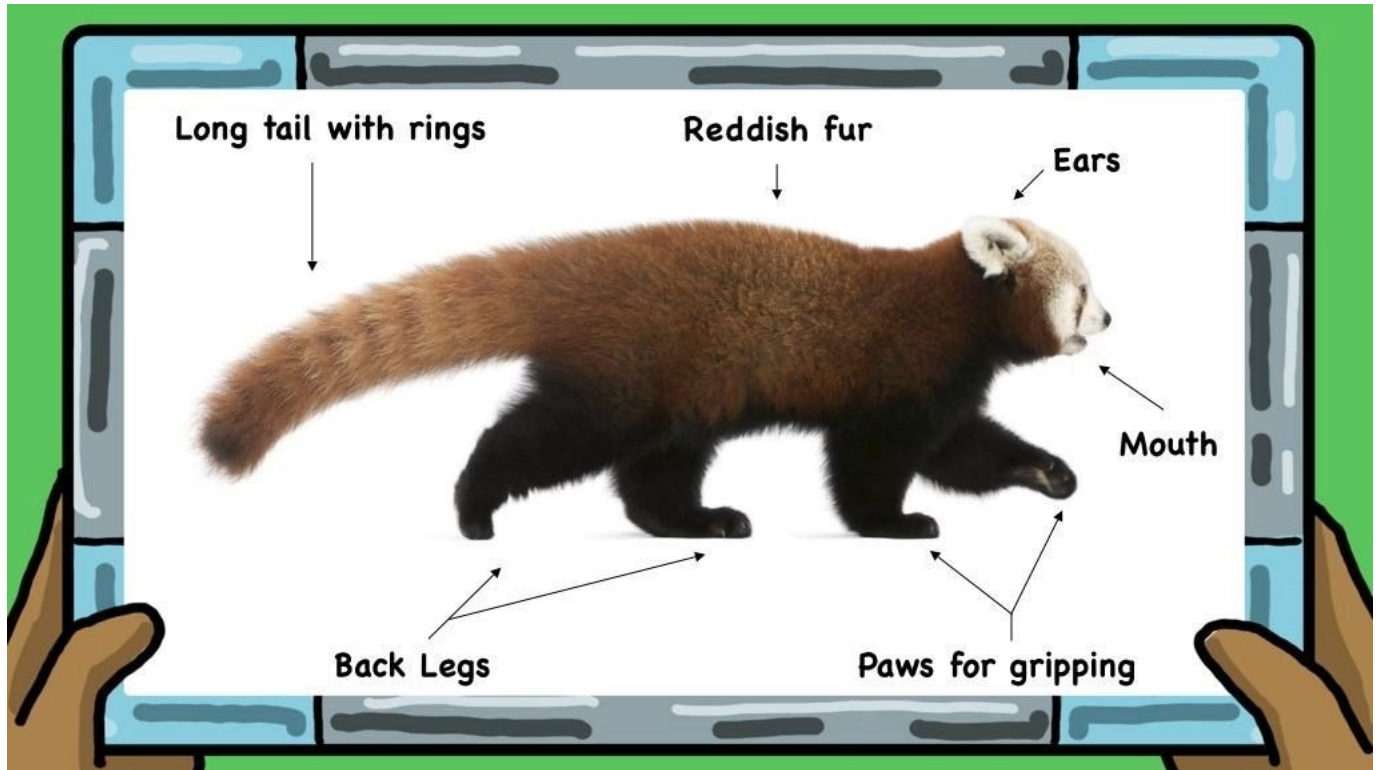
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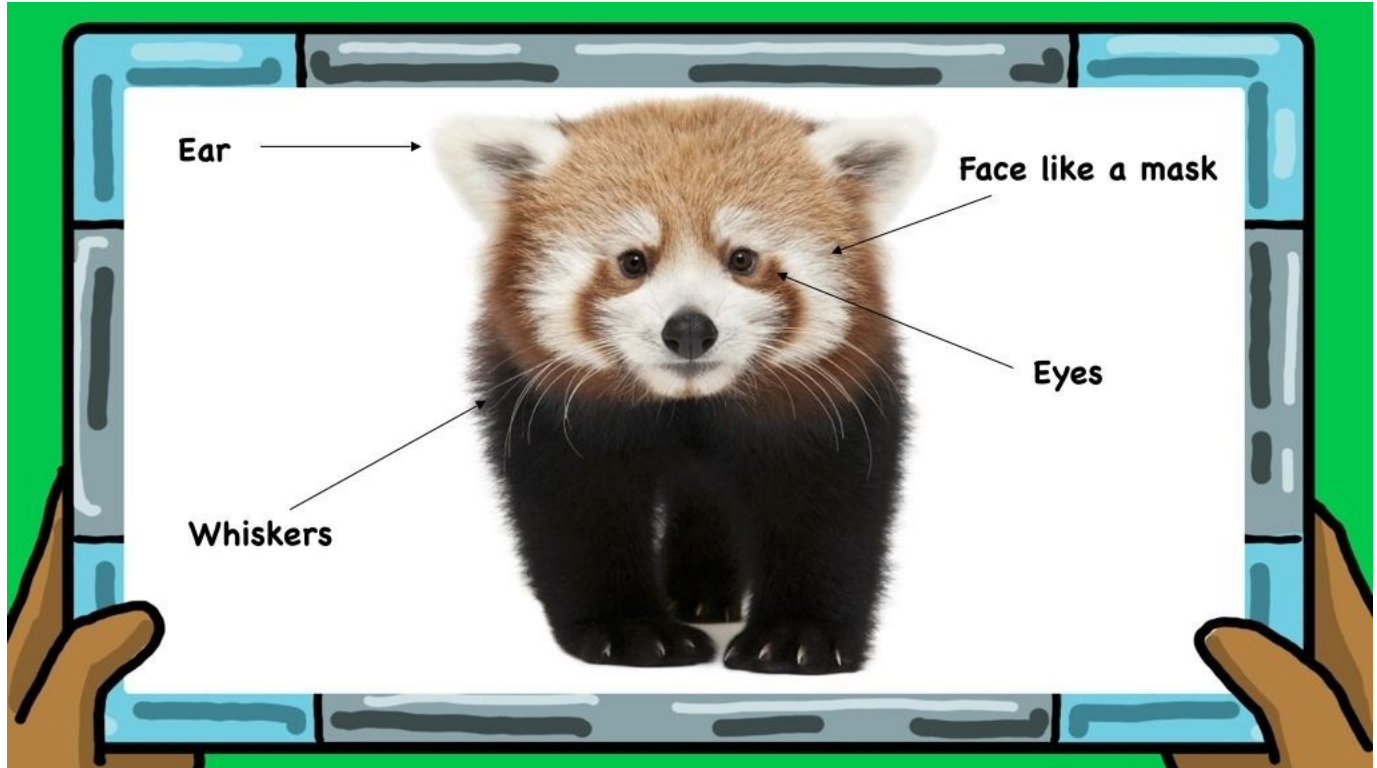
Meet Deepa and Tim, your student conservationists. Deepa and Tim are planning a trip to the forest to study red pandas.



First, Deepa and Tim need to know what a red panda looks like. They compare the red panda to other animals.



To learn more about what red pandas look like Deepa and Tim put labels on a diagram.



Look at the red panda so you can help Tim and Deepa find one!



Deepa and Tim look for the red panda in the forest.



“I see the red panda in the tree!” says Tim. “Let’s get a closer look!” says Deepa.



Deepa and Tim put on their jetpacks and fly over to where the red panda is.



Deepa and Tim get closer so they can see the red pandas in the tree. They want to learn more about red pandas.



The red panda is resting in the tree. Red pandas like to rest during the day.



When the sun sets, the red panda creeps out of the trees to look for more food.



Tim and Deepa see the red panda eat bamboo, eggs, seeds, and bugs.



The red panda must eat so that she can become a mom in the spring. The mom has up to 5 cubs. She keeps her cubs in a den.



Tim and Deepa watch the cubs nest in the den.
They learn that cubs like to play, just like us.



Deepa is thinking about the red panda's size. Tim says, "A red panda is as big as a cat, but it has a very long tail."

Red Panda Conservation

Dear Friends of the Red Panda,

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is helping to save the red panda. Almost half of all the red pandas in the world live in the Eastern Himalayas. About 38% of the total red panda habitat is in Nepal. The WWF keeps track of all the red panda habitats. The loss of nesting trees is a big problem. The red pandas don't have any place to live when their trees are cut down. Sometimes they get caught in traps that are meant for other animals. In some places they are trapped for their fur to make fur caps or hats. It is important that you tell people that we have to protect these animals and their habitat.

-Deepa & Tim





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