



When one hears the word “panda” most people immediately think of the large black and white “panda bears.” Yes, giant pandas are a type of bear. Did you know that red pandas are in an animal family of their own? While the two animals may not belong to the same animal family, they do share some similar characteristics like a “thumb wrist” and a reliance on bamboo. Explore the similarities and differences between these mammals in this latest addition to the Compare and Contrast Series!



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