

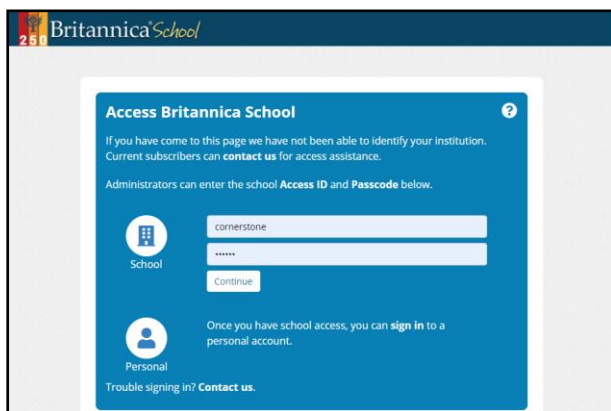
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Help Guide

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.

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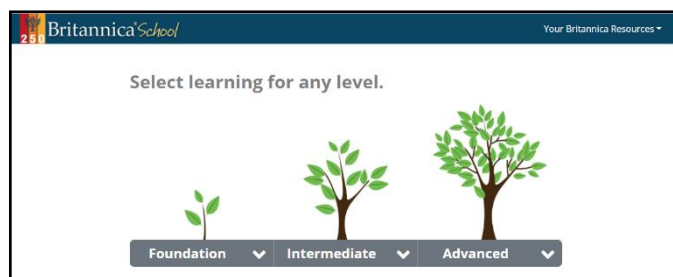
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Once on the site, your child can login with the general username: cornerstone, password: devon1.

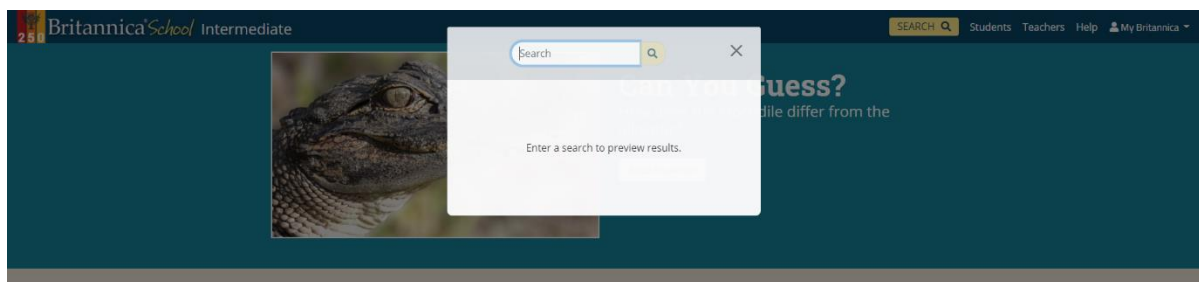
As the site does not store children's activities or work then there is no need for an individual account. However, if your child is likely to be an avid user of the site, there is an option to set up an account for them, which is outlined later in this guide.

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

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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.

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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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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

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Giant panda, (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*), also called panda bear, bearlike mammal inhabiting bamboo forests in the mountains of central China. Its striking coat of black and white, combined with a bulky body and round face, gives it a captivating appearance that has endeared it to people worldwide. According to the [IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#), fewer than 1,900 pandas are thought to remain in the wild.

Large males may attain 1.8 metres (6 feet) in length and weigh more than 100 kg (220 pounds); females are usually smaller. Round black ears and black eye patches stand out against a white face and neck. Black limbs, tail, legs, and shoulders contrast with the white torso. The rear paws point inward, which gives pandas a waddling gait. Pandas can easily stand on their hind legs and are commonly observed somersaulting, rolling, and dust-bathing. Although somewhat awkward as climbers, pandas readily ascend trees and, on the basis of their resemblance to bears, are probably capable of swimming. An unusual anatomic characteristic is an enlarged wrist

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

Daily Buzzword

elevate verb EL-uh-vayt

What does it mean?

1. to lift up or make higher
2. raise
3. to raise in rank or importance
4. to improve the mind or spirits of

How do you use it?

"Upon each side of the Pequod's quarter deck . . . there was an auger hole, bored about half an inch or so, into the plank. His bone leg steadied in that hole; one arm elevated, and holding by a shroud; Captain Ahab stood erect, looking straight out beyond the ship's ever-pitching prow." (Herman Melville, *Moby Dick*.)

Can you Guess?

Why is the Atlantic the saltiest ocean?

Why was the Hindu temple Angkor Wat transformed into a Buddhist shrine?

Name the explorer who died in an attempt to rescue another explorer in the Arctic.

Why did King Arthur and his knights gather at a round table?

More Can You Guess?