Meet the giant panda

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Giant pandas are found only in China. They live in the mountains of Szechuan, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces. Pandas live at elevations between 5000 and 10000 feet in misty forests full of bamboo. Pandas feed on bamboo almost exclusively. They eat 20 to 40 pounds of bamboo each day.

Giant pandas are about the size of American black bears. On all fours, they are 2 to 3 feet tall at the shoulder and 4 to 6 feet long. Male pandas weigh up to 250 pounds while females weigh up to 220 pounds. The giant panda is one of the most critically endangered species in the world.

Proofreading Marks

**Directions:** Review the chart of standard proofreading marks and their meaning. Next, practice using the correct marks while editing the paragraph provided.

**Hint:** There are 20 errors to mark in total.

**Watch for:**
- Place names
- Missing/extra commas
- End punctuation
- Omitted words
- Misspellings

### Mark | Meaning | Example
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! | Take this out (delete). | This is my my dog.
== | Make this a capital letter. | She is from Texas.
lc | Make this a lowercase letter. | I saw a Polar Bear.
| | Add a period. | The trees swayed.
| | Add a comma. | It's a long drive to Chicago, Illinois.
| | Add an apostrophe. | John's mom arrived.
| | Add quotation marks. | I found it, she said.
| | Add a word or phrase or punctuation. | I know Erin's cats.
!/? | Add an exclamation point or a question mark. | Wow! Can you believe it?
| | Close up the space. | The boy jumped into the bath tub.
# | Add a space. | Our city has many parks.
| | Italicize a word or phrase. | We read *The Wizard of Oz*.
tr | Transpose letters or words. | That's our new neighbor.
| | Start a new paragraph. | So we went to sleep. The next morning was Sunday.
| | Leave as is. | The boy wore a red coat.