

# Deepa and Tim Save the Red Panda Cubs



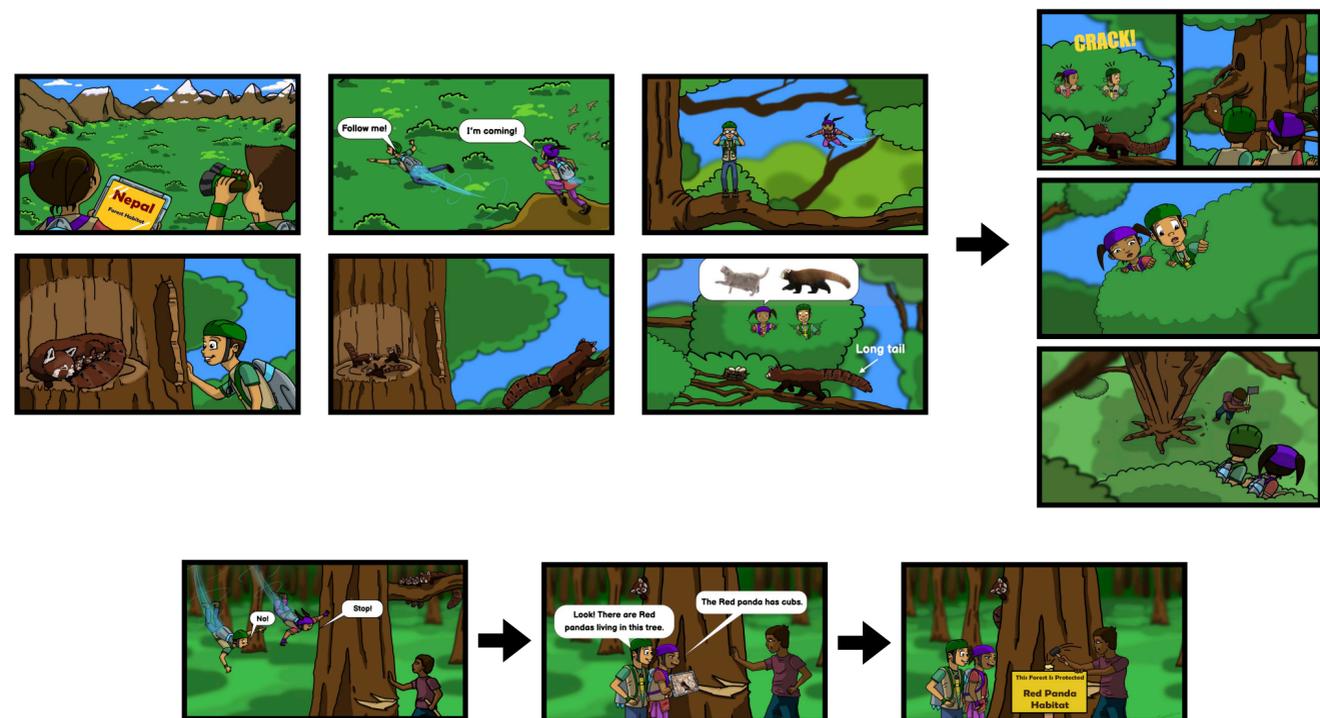
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Teacher Reads to Students:

Meet Deepa and Tim, your student conservationists. They want to help animals survive in their habitats. Deepa and Tim are planning a trip to the forest to observe Red pandas.





Deepa and Tim search for the Red panda in the forest. They want to observe Red pandas in their own habitat.



Deepa and Tim locate a Red panda. They put on their jetpacks and fly over to where the Red panda is dwelling.



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## Vowel Syllable Pattern Chart

Open	Closed		Magic e		Long Vowel Digraph Vowel Team		Bossy R		Consonant + le
									
study	planning	trip	locate	uses	meet	keep	search	for	people
me	study	pandas	make	size	reach	near	observe	over	
locate	jetpacks	dwelling	made	life	peeks	explain	learn	more	
fly	branch	habits	base	like	leave	waits	her	ignore	
bushy	snug	thick	shake	decide	tree	tail	heard		
quickly	nest	filled	stake	decides	hear	playing	first		
no	snatch	crack	take	home	trees	own	return		
he	quickly	wonder	save		seek	oath	wonder		
becoming	ignore	chopping	awake		peek	coax	after		
	help	plan	races		need	approach	danger		
	rush	stop			feast	follow			
	stunned	cutting			leaves				



Deepa and Tim reach a tree branch near the den of a family of Red pandas. They will observe them to learn more about the habits of Red pandas.



Tim peeks at the Red panda mom. She uses her bushy tail like a blanket to keep her cubs snug and warm.





Deepa and Tim return to the forest.

To protect the Red pandas, we have to stop people from cutting down all the trees. We have to coax people to take an oath to protect animals that are in danger of becoming extinct.



Tim and Deepa watch the mother Red panda leave her cubs to seek food. The cubs are awake and playing in the den.



Deepa is thinking about the Red panda's size. Tim says, "A Red panda is about the size of a cat, but it has a very long and thick tail."

They see the mother Red panda approach a nest filled with eggs. She will snatch an egg to make a feast for her cubs.



After that, Deepa and Tim explain to the man about the Red pandas that live in the tree. The man listens and decides to help them save the Red pandas' home.



First, they rush down to the man with the ax.  
Next, they yell "Stop!"  
The man stops chopping the tree and waits.



All of a sudden, they hear a loud crack. The Red panda quickly races back to her den. Deepa and Tim wonder what they heard. What made the tree shake?



Tim and Deepa peek through the leaves to see what is happening. They can't ignore what they see. The life of the Red panda family is at stake.



A man with an ax is chopping the tree at its base. When the trees are gone, Red pandas lose their home. These Red panda cubs need help now. Deepa and Tim decide on a plan.