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The Life Cycle of a Panda

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Panda cubs are born small and helpless because their mothers' bamboo-based diet doesn't provide enough nutrients for long pregnancies.
2. A mother panda keeps her cub warm, feeds it milk, and rarely leaves its side to ensure its survival during the early months.
3. Protecting bamboo forests is essential because bamboo is the primary food source for pandas and their habitat at all stages of their life cycle.
4. The panda's life cycle teaches us about the importance of adapting to challenges in the environment and how we can help preserve nature for future generations.

