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Baby panda dies

熊猫宝宝不幸夭折



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上周在日本出生并引起大众兴奋的熊猫宝宝不幸因肺炎而夭折。这只雄性熊猫宝宝是东京动物园 24 年来的第一只新生儿。请听 BBC 记者 Viv Marsh 发回的报道：

The **sorrow** in Japan at the death of the baby panda was as heartfelt as the **euphoria** at its long-awaited birth. NHK television broke into its programming to announce the news. The director of Ueno zoo in Tokyo wiped away tears as he explained that the male cub had **inhaled** milk while breastfeeding, leading to pneumonia. The baby was found motionless on his mother's chest: efforts to **revive** him failed.

He was **conceived naturally** by two giant pandas sent from China last year just before the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The animals provided some welcome lighter news, and their baby's every wriggle was **chronicled avidly** in the Japanese media. China is famed for its panda **diplomacy**: last week Beijing expressed hope that the panda's birth would improve its **testy** relations with Japan.

On Wednesday the Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said China **lamented** the loss of the cub and believed the Japanese people would be grieving too. But panda births in captivity are notoriously **fraught**. Some conservationists say these endangered animals

*are just too rare to be traded as diplomatic trophies - and that moving them between countries is a further risk to their health.*

### Questions

1. What's another word for feeling extremely happy?
2. What caused baby panda to catch pneumonia?
3. What disasters struck Japan in the previous year?
4. Did China give the pandas to Japan permanently?

### Glossary 词汇

<b>sorrow</b>	悲哀
<b>euphoria</b>	兴高采烈
<b>inhaled</b>	吸入
<b>revive</b>	抢救, 使复活
<b>Conceived naturally</b>	自然受孕
<b>Chronicled avidly</b>	热情的记载和报道
<b>diplomacy</b>	外交
<b>testy</b>	(关系)困难的, 容易产生矛盾的
<b>lamented</b>	哀悼
<b>fraught</b>	令人担忧的

### **Answers to the questions**

1. What's another word for feeling extremely happy?

**Answer:** *euphoria.*

2. What caused baby panda to catch pneumonia?

**Answer:** *He inhaled milk while feeding.*

3. What disasters struck Japan in the previous year?

**Answer:** *Earthquake and tsunami.*

4. Did China give the pandas to Japan permanently?

**Answer:** *No, they are on loan from China to Japan.*