



## SPECIES AND CHARACTER PROFILES

### TIGERS

There are five different species of tiger, which live in various places around the world. Three sub-species of tiger are now extinct. Tigers have stripy coats that provide camouflage against their forest homes. Their long tails help keep them balanced. They have razor-sharp teeth and enormous claws making them one of the most dangerous hunters in the world. Tigers do not chase their prey. They stalk it quietly, creeping close enough to pounce.

### TIGRESS

**Character:** Over-achieving, brave, fearless

**Kung Fu style:** The traditional tiger style is powerful, strong, firm and aggressive. Tigress strikes directly without hesitation, utilizing speed, agility and power to shatter opponents' defences. Like the traditional tiger fighter, Tigress stays close to the ground; she is agile, acrobatic, elegant, fighting honourably and never using her claws...unlike Tai Lung.

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### SNOW LEOPARDS

Snow leopards live in the inhospitable mountain region of central Asia and the Himalayas. Their fur helps them blend into the snow in winter and the rocks in summer. Snow leopards have long hind legs and shorter front legs, which makes them fantastic jumpers. They can jump up to 15 metres through the air, into trees or between rocks. Snow leopards are able to kill animals up to three times their own weight! They eat slowly and protect their kill from scavengers for days.

### TAI LUNG

**Character:** Arrogant, vengeful, treacherous

**Kung Fu style:** The traditional leopard style relies on the enormous upper body strength - the fighter crouches, remaining low to the ground. Tai Lung uses brute strength, speed and agility, all ruled by a cunning mind. A master of all styles, he can pinpoint and exploit weakness while facing many opponents. While plotting in jail for 20 years, Tai Lung's kung fu has evolved - his inner anger has taken over.





## TASKS

1. Choose an animal that doesn't feature in Kung Fu Panda. Research the species and write a detailed profile. Include information about habitat, physical description and behaviour.

2. Then turn your animal into a kung fu master! What kind of personality does your character have? What would their fighting style be?

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Now write a new KUNG FU PANDA story featuring your character!  
Use lots of powerful verbs and adverbs to describe their actions.