

Tasmanian Devil

Review Key Words⁶

- den** A den is a place where some animals live.
- female** A female is a person or animal that can be a mother.
- mate** When animals mate, they come together to have babies.
- pouch** A pouch is a body part of some animals used to carry babies.



Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

The Tasmanian devil is named well. It screams in the night. It **bares** its teeth. It has pointy ears like a devil. When it is angry, the **insides** of its ears turn red.

This animal hunts at night, and it hides in the day. It will eat many kinds of animals, dead or alive. It eats most of an animal, even the bones.

Tasmanian devils are mean to each other when they **mate**. The **male** keeps the **female** in the **den**. He will not let her go out for days.

After they mate, things change. It is the female that is mean. She bites the male if he comes near her. The Tasmanian devil keeps her babies in a **pouch**.

When this animal is full grown, it looks like a small bear. It usually has black fur with white **markings**. It weighs about 18 pounds.

The Tasmanian devil lives on the island of Tasmania. This island is south of Australia.

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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Tasmanian devils can look, sound, and act mean.
 - b. When they are full grown, Tasmanian devils look like bears.
 - c. Tasmanian devils hunt at night and hide in the day.
2. What does the Tasmanian devil do during the day?
 - a. hunts
 - b. hides
 - c. screams
3. What does the word **bares** mean in this story?
 - a. shows something
 - b. gets mad
 - c. covers up
4. What happens after Tasmanian devils mate?
 - a. The female may bite the male.
 - b. The male gets mean.
 - c. The male keeps the female in the den.
5. Why is the Tasmanian devil named well?

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