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Level 2 – 8th October, 2020

Tasmanian devils reintroduced into mainland Australia

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201008-tasmanian-devils-2.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Tasmanian devil has not lived on the Australian mainland in over 3,000 years, but it is back. Conservation groups on Australia's east coast released a group of 26 of the devils. They put them in a large nature reserve north of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is the size of a small dog. It eats large birds and household waste. It has been endangered for decades after an Australian wild dog wiped them out on the mainland. The devil gets its name from its high-pitched sound and the fierce way it fights for food. It has a scary-sounding name, but experts say it is not a danger to humans.

A conservation group worked on the project to release the Tasmanian devils. They are on a nature reserve to help their chances of survival. They have to find their own food and survive by themselves. The group's president told National Geographic: "They are free....We've got some basic means of keeping an eye on them, but essentially, now it's over to the devils to do what they do." He was hopeful about the future of the devils. He said: "This release of devils will be the first of many. We are talking about something monumental, a true landmark in history."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. on Australia's | a. for food |
| 2. put them in a large nature | b. for decades |
| 3. The Tasmanian devil is the size | c. danger to humans |
| 4. It has been endangered | d. east coast |
| 5. wiped them | e. reserve |
| 6. the fierce way it fights | f. name |
| 7. It has a scary-sounding | g. out |
| 8. experts say it is not a | h. of a small dog |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A conservation group worked | a. on them |
| 2. a nature | b. monumental |
| 3. help their chances | c. reserve |
| 4. keeping an eye | d. in history |
| 5. He was hopeful about | e. on the project |
| 6. the first of | f. of survival |
| 7. We are talking about something | g. many |
| 8. a true landmark | h. the future |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Tasmanian devil has (1) _____ the Australian mainland in over 3,000 years, but it is back. Conservation groups on Australia's (2) _____ a group of 26 of the devils. They put them in a large nature reserve north of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is (3) _____ a small dog. It eats large birds and household waste. It has been endangered for decades after an Australian (4) _____ them out on the mainland. The devil (5) _____ from its high-pitched sound and the fierce way it fights for food. It has a scary-sounding name, but experts say it is not (6) _____ humans.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TASMANIAN DEVILS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201008-tasmanian-devils-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Tasmanian devils in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

