

ACTIVITY

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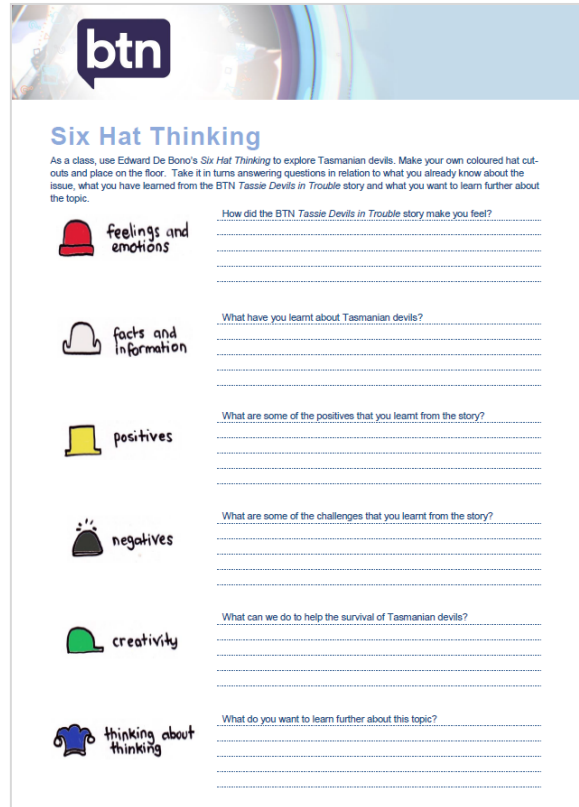
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[Download this worksheet](#) for students to respond to a range of questions about Tasmanian devils.

Reflection







After this activity, ask students to reflect on what they have learnt. Students can include details about how their thinking on this issue has changed and why they think we should act.



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 feelings and emotions	How did the BTN <i>Tassie Devils in Trouble</i> story make you feel?
 facts and information	What have you learnt about Tasmanian devils?
 positives	What are some of the positives that you learnt from the story?
 negatives	What are some of the challenges that you learnt from the story?
 creativity	What can we do to help the survival of Tasmanian devils?
 thinking about thinking	What do you want to learn further about this topic?

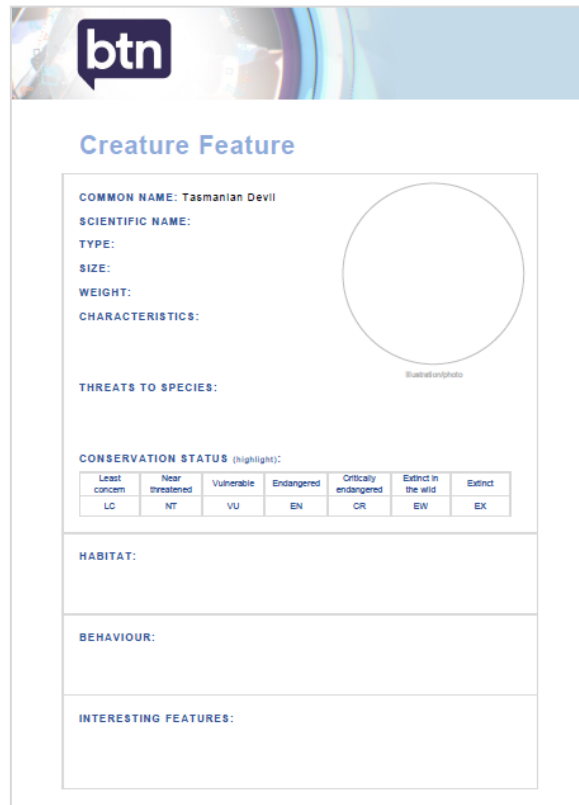
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Creature Feature

Students will research and write a *Creature Feature* about Tasmanian devils. Students will use this [Creature Feature worksheet](#) to record their findings. Encourage students to use a range of sources to find their information.

Students will research the following for their project:

- Common and scientific name
- Appearance - what are some of their physical characteristics?
- Habitat - where do Tasmanian devils live? Describe their habitat.
- Conservation status
- Threats - what are some of the threats to the survival of Tasmanian devils? What is being done to help increase genetic diversity in Tasmanian devils?
- Interesting features.
- *Further investigation* – why is genetic diversity in Tasmanian devils important?



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Creature Feature

COMMON NAME: Tasmanian Devil

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

TYPE:

SIZE:

WEIGHT:

CHARACTERISTICS:

THREATS TO SPECIES:

CONSERVATION STATUS (highlight):

Least concern	Near threatened	Vulnerable	Endangered	Critically endangered	Extinct in the wild	Extinct
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HABITAT:

BEHAVIOUR:

INTERESTING FEATURES:

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Campaign

In this activity students will design a public education campaign to raise awareness about Tasmanian devils and the threats to their survival. Students will need to think about their campaign's aim, target audience and the value of raising awareness in their school community. Students can use [Canva](#) to design a poster which can be put up around their school and the wider community.

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Be a reporter for a day

As a class, read the [ABC 730 News transcript](#) from August 2018 – “The race to save our Tassie Devils from a new threat”.

Using their own words, students will write an online news report for kids about Tasmanian devils and the threats to their survival. Tips for students:

- Think about the language and tone you will use in your report. Is it appropriate for a young audience?
- Write a headline that is short and to the point.
- Use words and pictures in your report. Use captions for any photos included in your report.
- Present the facts and/or opinions clearly and accurately.

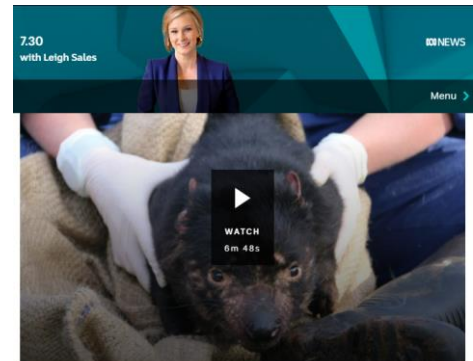


Image: 730 Report

The race to save our Tassie Devils from a new threat

USEFUL WEBSITES

BTN – Devil Island

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3619585.htm>

Tasmanian Government – Tasmanian Devil information for kids

<https://dpiw.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/save-the-tasmanian-devil-program/tasmanian-devil-information-for-kids>

WWF – Tasmanian Devil

http://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/teacher_resources/best_place_species/current_top_10/tasmanian_devil.cfm

National Geographic – Tasmanian devil

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/t/tasmanian-devil/?source=A-to-Z>

ABC 7.30 Report – The race to save our Tassie Devils from a new threat

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/the-race-to-save-our-tassie-devils-from-a-new/10103346>

Australian Museum – Tasmanian Devil

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/tasmanian-devil>