

LO: -To find the correct meaning of the words given.  
-To identify the important information to answer some questions.

S2S:

- Read and understand the passage.
- Look for the meaning of the words.
- Identify the key 'WH-' and 'How' in a question and answer accordingly (*What: is used to ask for a specific thing, object, Why: is used to ask for a reason, How: is used to explain a process*).

## Endangered Animals: Tarsiers

My name is Edwin. I am 25 years old. I live and work at a tarsier **sanctuary** in the Philippines. I love animals, but my favourite is the tarsier. Tarsiers are cuddly animals. They have soft, grey fur, long thin tails and small ears. They have large eyes so they can see at night. Tarsiers are **nocturnal**, and sleep in the day. At night they **hunt** for crickets, beetles, and termites. Sometimes they eat spiders and small lizards! They are only about 10 centimetres tall and weigh 100 grams. Tarsiers are great climbers. They can jump up to three meters from tree to tree. They have long fingers with special pads so they can hold on to slippery **surfaces**. They have special backbones so they can turn their head 180° and see behind them!

Sadly, tarsiers are a **threatened species**. There are now only about 700 left in the Philippines. They are small but they need a lot of jungle to live in so they have enough food. A lot of the jungle is being cut down, so people can grow crops. Some people hunt tarsiers to sell them as pets. Tarsiers are not good pets. They don't like loud noises and bright lights. They die quickly. To help tarsiers, we made a sanctuary for them. We have about 100 tarsiers in our sanctuary. Here the animals are **protected**. They live in their **natural habitat**. They are safe from hunting and **destruction** of their habitat. With our help, the tarsiers will not become extinct.

Choose the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the story.

1. 'sanctuary' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. a place to eat
- b. a place to learn
- c. a place of protection

2. 'nocturnal' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. active during the night
- b. active during the day
- c. active during the morning

3. 'surfaces' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. external face of an object
- b. internal face of an object
- c. clean face

4. 'threatened species' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. feeling secure
- b. endangered
- c. dangerous

5. 'protected' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. kept safe
- b. played
- c. caged

6. 'natural habitat' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. foreign environment
- b. the home of an animal in nature
- c. unnatural surroundings

Answer the questions in **complete sentences**.

7. What does tarsiers **look like**?

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8. Why do tarsiers have **large eyes**?

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9. Name **two animals** that tarsiers **eat**.

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10. How **small** is tarsier?

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11. What happened if tarsiers in **captivity**?

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12. What do you think tarsier is **special**?

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