

A strange animal

The tarsier is a small animal. It grows to about 12 centimetres in **length**, and has a tail that can be 20 centimetres long.

The animal **weighs** only about 120 grams. It looks for food at night, eating **mainly** small lizards and insects. During the day, it sleeps high in a tall tree, safe from its **enemies**. The tarsier looks very **strange**. It has big brown eyes which **stand out** on its small face. These eyes help it to see in the **dark**. The little animal is grey colour. Its feet are **almost** as long as its body. It can jump almost 3 metres from one tree to another. It uses its long fingers, which look like a human being's, to **grasp branches** when it lands.



The tarsier lives only in Indonesia and the Philippines. The **local** people call it hantu, which means 'ghost'. **Perhaps** they are afraid when they see only its **huge** eyes in the dark. What a strange animal!

