

Can you survive the life of a Tasmanian devil

All you need is:
Printed board game, counters,
a dice and a pen and paper

You can either print this gameboard or make your own.
Take turns rolling the dice and follow the instructions.

Energy points: Start your life with 10 energy points.

You must have energy points to survive. If your energy score drops below 0 you die! Energy points are shown in the circles. Remember to keep a tally with your pen and paper.

Winner: This game is all about the journey, not who makes it to the end first. The player with the highest number of energy points at the end wins!

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Begin your life here

You are a newborn Tasmanian devil. It's April and you are 1 of 40 babies that your mother has given birth to. You are the size of a grain of rice.

1

You follow a trail of mucus up to your mother's pouch. You get a place at 1 of 4 teats.
Go to 7.

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You follow a trail of mucus up to your mother's pouch. You get a place at 1 of 4 teats.
Go to 7.

4

You follow a trail of mucus up to your mother's pouch. You get a place at 1 of 4 teats.
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9

1 month old. Your mother is healthy. You are getting bigger and growing fur.

8

1 month old. Your mother is healthy and has been feeding you. Your eyes are now open.

7

Congratulations! You got a teat. You live in the pouch, feeding and growing.

6

You follow a trail of mucus up to your mother's pouch. There are only 4 teats and they are already all taken. You die. **Start again.**

5

You follow a trail of mucus up to your mother's pouch. There are only 4 teats and they are already all taken. You die. **Start again.**

10

2 months old. Your mother is sick and can't feed you enough.

11

2 months old. Your mother is healthy. You are growing and your legs develop.

12

2 months old. Your mother can't find you enough food and you're hungry.

13

You have been in the pouch for 3 months. You are nearly ready to move out.

14

5 months old. You move out of the pouch and into a den.

19

5 months old. Your mother teaches you about dangers.

18

5 months old. You've grown all your teeth and start eating solid food. You've one set of teeth your entire lifetime.

17

5 months old. Your mother teaches you what to eat.

16

5 months old. You call to your mother but she doesn't come and you are hungry.

15

5 months old. You call to your mother and she feeds you milk.

20

5 months old. Your mother leaves the den to scavenge for food. She comes back regularly to feed you.

21

7 months old. You learn to catch insects.
Go to 26.

22

7 months old. You learn to climb. You can grip well with your front paws. Climbing is hard work and tires you out!
Go to 26.

23

7 months old. You use your excellent sense of smell to find food.
Go to 26.

24

7 months old. You are scared of predators and run and hide.
Go to 26.

29

You find a dead wallaby and feast! You can eat 40% of your body weight in 30 mins. This will keep you going for 3 days.

28

You spend 2 hours trying to catch a bird. It keeps flying away.

27

You eat any meat that is available - including birds, fish, moths, tadpoles, frogs, reptiles & small mammals.

26

You are one year old and fully independent.

25

7 months old. You enjoy sunbathing and spend the afternoon sunning on a rock.
Go to 26.

30

You find a lizard on a rock. You eat it. You eat 5-10% of your body weight each day.

31

You find a dead wombat. There are two other devils feeding on it already. You have to fight for food.

32

You find a dead rat. With your powerful jaw and teeth you devour the whole thing - bones, fur and all!

33

To find food you have to walk nearly 16km. You are tired!

34

You use your long whiskers to help you find food in the dark.

39

You find a dead wallaby on the road. You start to eat it but get run over by a car. You die! You lose all energy points.
Go to finish.

38

You have a fat tail. This is a sign that you are healthy.
Go to finish.

37

You want to be top devil. To move up the pecking order you make loud noises and hold your tail up.

36

You use your excellent hearing to help hunt for food.

35

You like to eat carrion (dead flesh), as it is easier than hunting.

40

You are disturbed by people walking through the bush. You get stressed and your ears turn red.
Go to finish.

41

You develop Devil Facial Tumor Disease. The disease spreads throughout your body and you die. You lose all energy points.
Go to finish.

42

There is lots of food and you have turned into a healthy fully grown Tasmanian devil.
Go to finish.

43

It is a hot day. You wade into a stream and splash about to cool off.
Go to finish.

Finish

Did you survive?
Count your energy points. Whoever has the most wins!