

Tasmania: The Island State — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Tasmania is an island state south of the mainland, across the Bass Strait.
- It is cooler and greener than much of Australia, with vast wilderness.
- It is home to the Tasmanian devil, found in the wild nowhere else.
- Much of the island is protected national park.

Key vocabulary

- Island — land surrounded by water.
- Strait — a narrow channel of sea between two land areas.
- Wilderness — wild, natural land.
- Endemic — found naturally only in one place.

A wild island

Tasmania's cool, wet climate gives it green forests and rugged mountains, very different from the hot mainland interior. Its wilderness areas are world-famous.

The Tasmanian devil

This fierce little marsupial, found wild only in Tasmania, is the island's most famous animal.