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Focus Question

How does being stinky help plants and animals?

Words to Know

enemies

rotten

liquid

sprays

mates

stinky

Front cover: The corpse flower's stinky bloom only stays open for a day or two.

Title page: Stinkbugs spray a smelly liquid to stay safe from enemies.

Page 3: The Tasmanian devil only smells bad when it senses danger.

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Skunks spray to keep themselves and their babies safe.

Stinky Nature

Some animals smell bad.

Some plants smell bad, too.

Being **stinky** helps some plants
and animals stay alive.



Striped polecats are like skunks. They raise their tail and spray when scared.

Stinky Furry Animals

This animal **sprays** a stinky liquid
when **enemies** get close.



Opossums have pouches, like kangaroos.

This animal plays dead if enemies
get close.

It also makes stinky green slime.

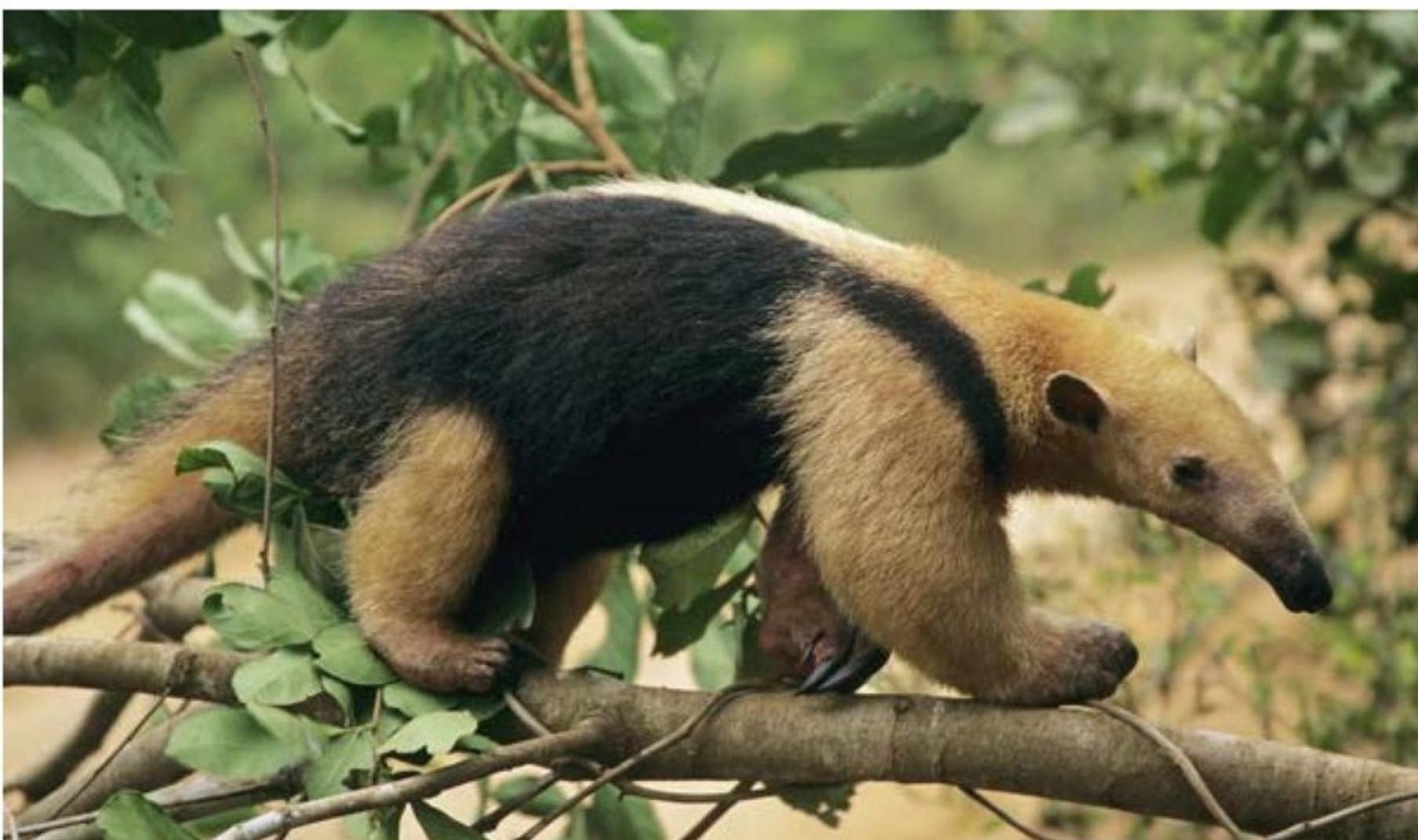


A Very Stinky Plant

The corpse flower stinks!

A *corpse* is a dead body, and this plant smells like one.

The plant's bad smell brings flies and beetles near.



A lesser anteater's rough fur keeps ants off its body.

This animal shoots a stinky liquid
at its enemies.



Wolverines are also called “nasty cats” because of their stink.

This animal makes stinky liquid

to keep other animals away.

It also pees on food it doesn’t

eat right away.

The smell may keep other

animals away.



Musk oxen have two layers of hair to keep them warm.

This animal fights over **mates**.
It uses stinky pee to keep
others away.



The “stinkbird” has wings but does not fly much.

Stinky Birds

This bird eats leaves.

Tiny living things in its body
break down the leaves.

This way of eating makes
it smell bad.



The smelly acid in a vulture's stomach helps it eat.

This bird eats dead animals.

It throws up when enemies
get close!

Its throw-up smells very bad.



This beetle's smelly spray shoots out with a pop!

Stinky Bugs

This bug sprays a hot, stinky liquid when enemies get close.

The liquid is so hot that it can kill some enemies.

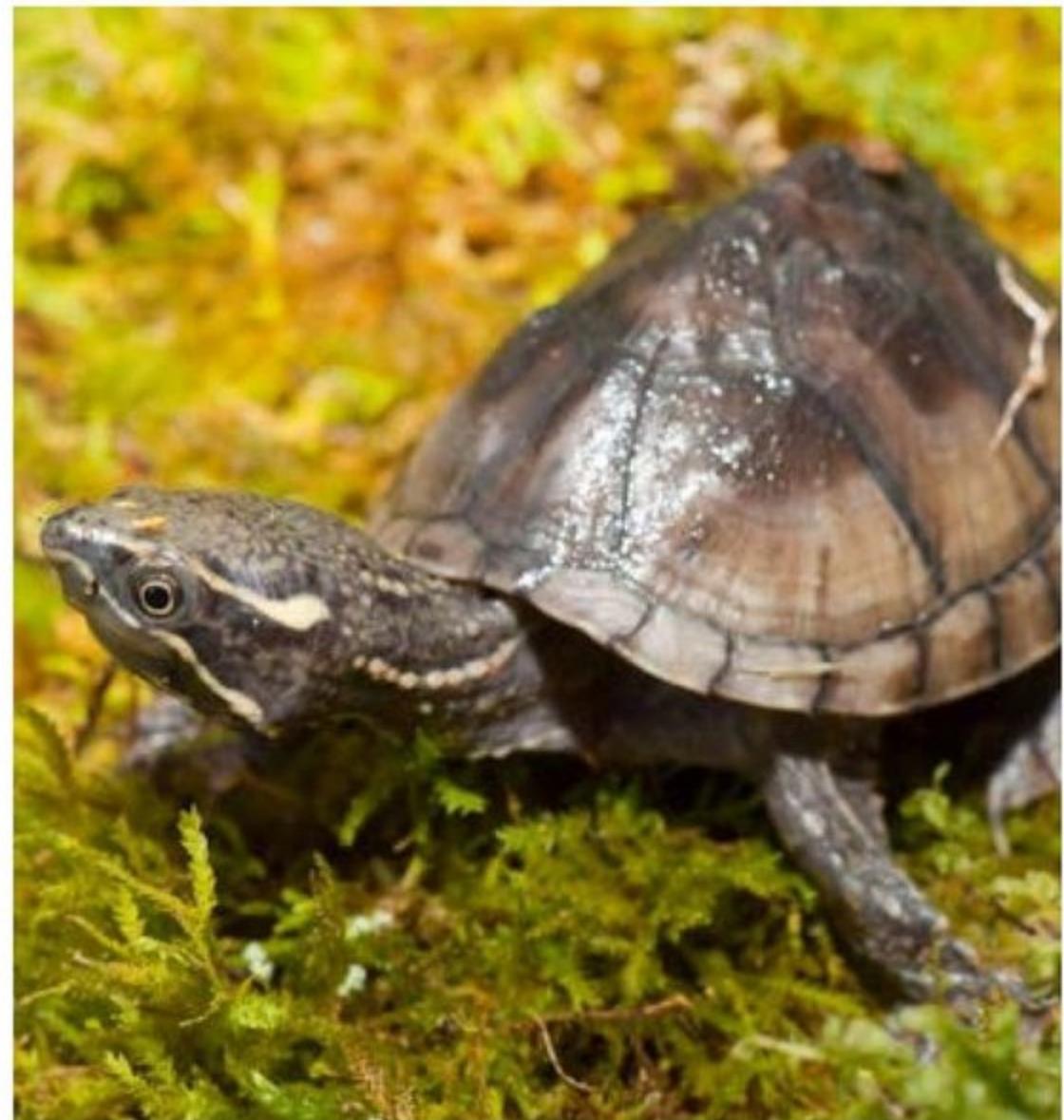


The stinky spray that some millipedes give off can itch and burn.

This bug is too slow to run away.
It makes a stinky liquid when
enemies get close.

Other Stinky Animals

This turtle is also called “stinkpot”! It smells bad when enemies get close.



A musk turtle lives forty to sixty years.



A female mink frog can lay up to 4,000 eggs at once.

This frog smells like rotten onions when enemies get close.



This female bird sprays a dark, stinky liquid to keep its nest safe.

Good and Stinky

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Glossary

enemies (n.) living things that hate or hurt other living things (p. 5)

liquid (n.) something that can flow and change shape while keeping its size (p. 5)

mates (n.) partners of animals (p. 9)

rotten (adj.) very bad or unpleasant (p. 14)

sprays (v.) scatters many drops of a liquid in a certain direction (p. 5)

stinky (adj.) having a strong or bad smell (p. 4)

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Connections

Writing and Art

Which animal from this book do you find most interesting? Why?

Draw a picture and write several sentences about it.

Science

Compare and contrast two animals from this book. Make a list of how these animals are alike and how they are different. Share your list with a partner.

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