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Speaking of chasing prey, let's talk about what weasels eat. Weasels are carnivores, which means they eat meat, and they're not fussy about what kind of meat it is! Their diet includes mice, rabbits, birds, and even insects. With their sharp teeth and quick movements, weasels are effective hunters despite their small size.

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**Solve each problem.****Use the article to answer the question.**

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