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(plural: hyenas | hahy-ee-nuh | hai' i nə)

The Hyena (Hyaena) is a carnivorous mammal and a member of the Hyaenidae family. Hyenas are native to Africa and are highly social, forming groups known as a cackle or clan. Hyaenas are known to use various sounds that can be heard up to three miles (five kilometres away). The noises can range from wailing calls, howling screams, as well as laughter. Hyenas are territorial, and in some breeds of hyenas, the females (known as bitches) are larger and more dominant than the males (known as boars). The young within the clan are known as cubs.

Interesting Fact: The female hyenas are typically larger and more dominant than males. Whilst on heat, female members, will produce elevated testosterone levels in the uterus, resulting in aggressiveness in male and female hyenas. Members of the clan will mount any hyenas with a lower testosterone level from their mothers, including those hyenas from the same-sex.

