

Bats at Night

A nonfiction mini book

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Bats Are Mammals

Bats are **mammals**, like dogs and people. They have fur. A baby bat is called a **pup**, and it drinks milk from its mother.

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Fliers of the Night

Bats are the only mammals that can really **fly**. Some other animals glide, but bats flap their wings.



A Wing Like a Hand

A bat's wing is like a hand. Thin skin stretches between long **finger bones**.

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Upside-Down Sleepers

Most bats are **nocturnal**. They sleep in the day and come out at night. They rest hanging upside down.



Hearing in the Dark

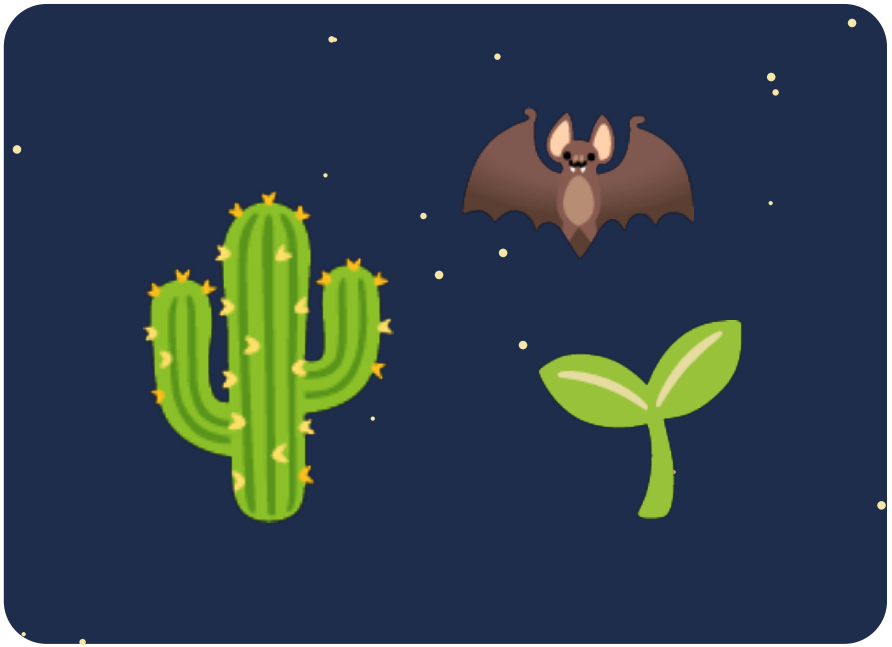
Many bats use **echolocation**. They make high sounds and listen for the **echoes** to find food in the dark.

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What Bats Eat

Lots of bats eat **insects**, like moths and mosquitoes. Some bats eat fruit. Others sip **nectar** from flowers.



Bats Help Plants

Bats that sip nectar carry **pollen** from flower to flower. Bats that eat fruit drop **seeds** that grow into new plants.

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So Many Bats!

There are more than **1,400 kinds** of bats. Some are as light as a penny! Each year, **Bat Week** is October 24–31.

Bat Facts Check

Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Bats are mammals. T F

2. A baby bat is called a cub. T F

3. Bats are the only mammals that can really fly. T F

4. Echolocation means finding things by listening for echoes. T F

5. All bats eat fruit. T F

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Answer Key · Bat Facts Check

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For the grown-up

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