



Bats — Animals of the Night

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Most **animals** are awake in the day and sleep at **night**. A bat is different. A bat sleeps in the day and wakes up when it is **dark**. At **night**, a bat comes out to **fly** around and look for food.

A bat does not have feathers like a bird, but it can still **fly**. A bat has thin, soft wings that help it move fast through the **dark** sky. Many bats **fly** to catch **insects**, like moths and mosquitoes, to eat.

During the day, a bat likes to **sleep** in a quiet, safe place, like a cave or a hollow tree. A bat does not **sleep** the way people do. It likes to **hang** upside down by its feet!

A bat is very good at using **sound** to find food in the dark. A bat opens its mouth and makes a special **sound** that people cannot hear. This **sound** bounces off things nearby and comes back to the bat's big ears. This helps the bat **catch** insects even when it cannot see them well.

Bats do not like to be alone. Many bats live together in a big **group**. A big **group** of bats can have hundreds or even thousands of bats all living in the same cave! Living together helps keep the bats warm and safe while they sleep.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. animal ____ | a. to stay attached at the top with the rest hanging down |
| 2. night ____ | b. a small animal with six legs, like a bee or moth |
| 3. dark ____ | c. to take hold of something that is moving |
| 4. fly ____ | d. a number of people or animals together |
| 5. insect ____ | e. having very little or no light |
| 6. sleep ____ | f. to move through the air |
| 7. hang ____ | g. to rest with your eyes closed |
| 8. sound ____ | h. something you can hear |
| 9. catch ____ | i. a living thing that can move; not a plant |
| 10. group ____ | j. the time of day when it is dark outside |



B. True or False

1. A bat is awake in the day and sleeps at night. ____
2. A bat has feathers like a bird. ____
3. A bat has thin, soft wings that help it fly. ____
4. Bats fly at night to catch insects to eat. ____
5. A bat likes to sleep in a loud, busy place. ____
6. A bat hangs upside down by its feet when it sleeps. ____
7. A bat cannot make any sounds at all. ____
8. A bat uses sound to help it catch insects in the dark. ____
9. Bats always live alone, never in a group. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: dark, insect, hang, sound, group

1. A bat wakes up when it becomes _____ outside.
2. A bat likes to eat a flying _____ like a moth.

3. When a bat sleeps, it likes to _____ upside down by its feet.
4. A bat makes a special _____ that bounces off things nearby.
5. Many bats live together in a big _____ in the same cave.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When is a bat awake, and when does it sleep?
2. How does a bat move through the sky if it does not have feathers?
3. Where does a bat like to sleep, and how does it sleep?
4. How does a bat use sound to help it find food?
5. Do bats like to live alone or together? Explain.

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a bat, in real life or in a picture? What did you think?
2. Why do you think a bat likes to sleep hanging upside down?
3. If you could ask a bat one question, what would you ask?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-i, 2-j, 3-e, 4-f, 5-b, 6-g, 7-a, 8-h, 9-c, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-dark, 2-insect, 3-hang, 4-sound, 5-group

D. Comprehension:

1. A bat is awake at night and sleeps during the day.
2. A bat has thin, soft wings that help it fly through the sky, even though it does not have feathers.
3. A bat likes to sleep in a quiet, safe place like a cave or a hollow tree, and it sleeps hanging upside down by its feet.
4. A bat makes a special sound that bounces off things nearby, which helps the bat catch insects even when it cannot see them well.
5. Bats like to live together in a group. A big group of bats can have hundreds or even thousands of bats living in the same cave.