

Bats

Name: _____

Bat Facts

• Bats are mammals. They are warm blooded, nurse their babies with milk and have fur.



- A bat's fingers are very long compared to its body.
- They are the only mammals that can fly.
- Bats hang upside down when they sleep.
- Bats usually feed at night. They are nocturnal.
- Bats have the best hearing of all land mammals.
- The smallest bat is only 4 cm long with a wingspan of about 12 cm.
- The largest bat is 42 cm long with a wingspan of about 1.4 m.
- In South America there are vampire bats that drink blood from horses, cattle and pigs.
- Bats use echolocation to navigate and to find food.

Do you know any more interesting facts about bats?

True or False

Bats have very good hearing. T/F

Bats sleep in nests like birds. T/F

Bats only eat fruit. T/F

Bats have small feathers on their wings. T/F

Bats live alone or in small family groups. T/F

A group of bats is called a colony. T/F

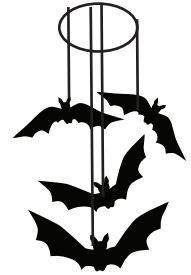
All bats are blind. T/F



A Bat Mobile

Draw and cut out some bat shapes from black cardboard.

Hang the bats using string to make a bat mobile.



Rhyming Poetry

Write a rhyming poem using the 'at' sound.

A rhyme is when two words end with the same sound.

In rhyming poems, you usually only need to rhyme the last word of each line or each other line.

First, list 'at' words that rhyme such as 'bat', 'cat' and 'sat'.

Write a humorous rhyming poem using some of the words from your list.

Number Crunchers

Every night for a week, scientists counted the bats that left a particular cave in Mexico.

Monday 9 560

Friday 9 650

Tuesday 9 720

Saturday 9 665

Wednesday 9 569

Sunday 9 599

Thursday 9 690

What night did they count the most bats?

What night did they count the least bats?

Each night the scientists also counted the bats as they returned. However, every night there was one less bat that returned.

Write the number of bats that returned each night.