Bats

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Nonfiction | 167 words | Main idea and key details

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1 Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. Their wings are made of thin skin stretched between long finger bones. There are more than 1,400 kinds of bats, and they live on every continent except Antarctica.

2 Many people think bats are blind, but that is not true. All bats can see. Many bats also use **echolocation** to find food in the dark. A bat makes high squeaks that bounce off objects and come back as echoes. By listening to the echoes, the bat can tell exactly where a moth is flying.

3 Bats are a big help to people. A single bat can eat hundreds of small insects in one night, including mosquitoes. Other bats drink **nectar** from flowers and carry pollen from plant to plant, just like bees. Some fruit-eating bats drop seeds that grow into new trees.

4 During the day, most bats sleep upside down in caves, trees or old buildings. When winter comes, some bats **hibernate,** and others fly to warmer places.

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Bats: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What are bat wings made of?

(a) feathers and bones (b) skin over finger bones (c) hard plates like a shell

2. How do many bats find food in the dark?

(a) by following other bats (b) by smelling the moon (c) by listening to echoes

3. What is the main idea of the passage?

(a) bats are amazing helpers (b) bats live only in caves (c) all bats are blind

2 True or false? Circle one.

All bats are blind.	True	False
Some bats carry pollen from flower to flower.	True	False
Bats live on every continent except Antarctica.	True	False

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Bats: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

echolocation	○	○	sleep through the winter
nectar	○	○	the sweet juice inside flowers
hibernate	○	○	finding things by listening to echoes

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Why are bats a big help to people? Give two reasons from the text.

3 Draw and label something you learned.

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Answer key: Bats

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) skin over finger bones
2. c) by listening to echoes
3. a) bats are amazing helpers

2 True or false

False: All bats are blind.

True: Some bats carry pollen from flower to flower.

True: Bats live on every continent except Antarctica.

3 Word meanings

echolocation: finding things by listening to echoes

nectar: the sweet juice inside flowers

hibernate: sleep through the winter

4 Written answer (sample)

They eat lots of insects, and they carry pollen and drop seeds so new plants and trees can grow.

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