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Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Circle group

A bat rests in the day. It hangs upside down. It holds on with its feet.

Why? The bat can let go. It drops and flies.

At night, the bat wakes up. It flies to find food.

Questions

1. When does a bat rest?

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2. What does a bat hold on with?

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3. How does a bat hang?

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4. What does the bat do at night?

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5. Why can the bat fly fast from its spot?

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Words to know

bat: a small animal that flies at night
upside: with the top part at the bottom
rest: to stop and take it easy
drop: to fall down

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Triangle group

A bat rests in the day. It hangs upside down. It holds on with its feet.

Why does a bat hang this way? When it lets go, it can drop and fly right away.

At night, the bat wakes up. It flies out to find food.

Questions

1. When does a bat rest?

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2. What does a bat hold on with?

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3. How does a bat hang?

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4. What does the bat do at night?

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5. Why can a bat fly right away from this spot?

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Words to know

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Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Square group

During the day, a bat rests by hanging upside down and gripping its perch tightly with its feet.

Why does a bat hang this way? When it is time to go, the bat only has to let go. It drops into the air and begins to fly right away.

Once night comes, the bat wakes up and flies out into the dark to look for food.

Questions

1. When does a bat rest by hanging upside down?

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2. What does a bat use to grip its perch?

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3. What is the position of the bat as it rests?

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4. What does the bat do once night comes?

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5. Why can a bat start flying right away from its perch?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.7

1. In the day.
2. Its feet.
3. Upside down.
4. It flies to find food.
5. It lets go and drops, then flies.

Triangle: Why Bats Hang Upside Down

This passage · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. In the day.
2. Its feet.
3. Upside down.
4. It wakes up and flies out to find food.
5. It lets go and drops into the air.

Square: Why Bats Hang Upside Down

Harder · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. During the day.
2. Its feet.
3. Upside down.
4. It wakes up and flies out into the dark to look for food.
5. It only has to let go and drop into the air.