

Name _____

Going Batty

Do you wonder what Paige Marsicano finds so fascinating about bats? Here are a few facts that might surprise you. Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the sentences.



1. Just like humans, bats are warm-blooded animals. They also have hair, give birth to live young, and feed their babies milk. Unlike humans, however, bats are the only _____ that fly.
2. Almost a quarter of all mammals on _____ are bats.
3. There are more than one thousand _____ (kinds) of bats in the world. The smallest is the bumblebee bat, who weighs less than a _____. The largest, giant flying foxes, have a _____ of nearly six feet.
4. Just about the time you put down your dinner fork, bats are waking up and looking for breakfast. Bats are _____. They sleep during the day and are active at night.
5. Some bats can eat as much as half their _____ in food in one night. That would be like a 70 pound kid eating 35 pounds of fries in a day!
6. Most bat species are _____ eaters. Others eat nectar, fruit, fish, frogs, and even small rodents. Some small insect-eating bats can eat 2,000 _____ in one night.
7. Bats live on all _____ except Antarctica. Some species hibernate in winter. Some migrate to a warmer climate.
8. Many bat species live in large _____, which may have as many as a _____ members.
9. Bats have special tendons that help them _____ upside down for long periods of time without any effort.
10. Bats are wild animals and should never be kept as pets. They belong in their natural _____.



hang	mammals	mosquitoes	colonies	insect
wingspan	penny	nocturnal	habitats	species
weight	Earth	million	continents	