

Bats, Creatures of the Night

1. Identify common myths about bats.
2. Identify characteristics that bats share with other mammals.
3. Describe how bats navigate.
4. Identify the reasons for the decline in bat populations.
5. Define these vocabulary words as they apply to bats.
 - a. Caves
 - b. Diurnal
 - c. Echolocation
 - d. Endangered
 - e. Guano
 - f. Homeothermic
 - g. Insects
 - h. Mammal
 - i. Nocturnal
 - j. Pup

Helps:

1. Bats are blind, get caught in your hair, are flying mice, are dirty, etc.
2. Nurse young, wings compare to hands, etc.
3. Echolocation
4. Natural habitat threatened, ignorance of man regarding the benefits of bats.
5. Definitions
 - a. Common habitat of bats
 - b. Active during the day
 - c. Listening to echoes to find objects
 - d. At risk of becoming extinct
 - e. Bat droppings
 - f. Able to generate body heat to keep warm
 - g. Bats are helpful in eliminating large numbers of insects

- h. Bats are mammals
- i. Active at night
- j. A baby bat

Resource: Bats, Swift Shadows in the Twilight by Ann C. Cooper. Excellent resource, games and activities as well as information regarding bats.