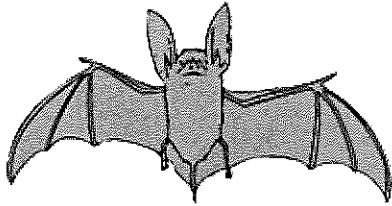


Grade 2 Nonfiction

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 9.

Interesting Facts About Bats



- 1 Bats are interesting animals. Like most mammals, they are not all alike. Some are different colors. Some are different sizes. They also eat different things. You may already know some things about bats. You might be surprised to learn something new.

Where They Live

- 2 Bats can live almost anywhere in the world. Their ability to fly helps them to live in many places. They need a place to sleep during the day. They need a place to find food. Their habitat is the place where they live. It needs to be a place where they can hibernate in the winter. Hibernate means to sleep through the winter.

What They Eat

- 3 Most bats eat insects. Some bats eat fruit. Some eat pollen from flowers. Some eat fish, frogs, or small mammals. Some bats even eat blood from other animals.

Their Body Parts

- 4 Have you heard the saying, "as blind as a bat?" Well, bats are not actually blind. They can see, but their eyes are small and poorly developed. Bats have a good sense of hearing and smell. Most bats have sharp teeth. They use their teeth to eat insects or fruit. Bats have wings. Their wings are thinner than the wings on birds.

Other Facts about Bats

- 5 There are over 1000 different species of bats. Bats are nocturnal, which means they sleep during the day. They are active at night. Bats have a special ability to "see" at night. It is called echolocation. The bat makes a noise. The noise bounces off things and the bat can tell if there is something in its path. Bats can live over 20 years.

Keeping Bats Safe

- 6 Remember you should never bother wild animals. Bats are wild animals. You should never touch a bat when you see it. There are a few things you can do to

help protect bats and keep them safe. Tell others not to touch bats in the wild. You can also tell others that bats are helpful. They eat insects. They spread seeds and pollen. Also, the saliva from vampire bats is being used in research for heart diseases.

7 Bats are interesting animals. They may look scary, but most are harmless. They have many special things about them. They are important to our planet.

1 **Which word from the article has a suffix meaning "more than one"?**

- A hearing
- B poorly
- C surprised
- D helpful
- E things

2 **The article is mainly about —**

- A how bats help people
- B why people are afraid of bats
- C how bats live
- D what bats do during the nighttime

3 **The paragraph titled "Where They Live" is mostly about —**

- A the food bats eat
- B the eyesight of bats
- C the different types of bats
- D the act of keeping bats safe
- E the homes of bats

4 **Based on the passage, how are bats able to live in many places?**

- A They can fly.
- B They have sharp teeth.
- C They have poor eyesight.
- D They sometimes eat blood.
- E They need to eat insects.

5 **In which paragraph could the reader find information about how to help bats?**

- A Paragraph 2
- B Paragraph 3
- C Paragraph 4
- D Paragraph 5
- E Paragraph 6

6 **Paragraph 3 is mainly about —**

- A the diet of bats
- B what bats do during the day
- C the enemy of bats
- D how bats catch their food

7 **Read this sentence about the article.**

Bats have big ears and can hear really well.

Under which heading would the sentence best belong?

- A What They Eat
- B Their Body Parts
- C Keeping Bats Safe
- D Where They Live
- E Other Facts about Bats

8 **According to the passage, what is the purpose of a bat's sharp teeth?**

- A To fight other bats
- B To fly around
- C To hear sounds from far away
- D To eat insects, animals, and fruit

9 **Read the sentence from paragraph 2.**

They need a place to find food.

Which word has a common spelling pattern but different vowel sound as the word food?

- A rude
- B boil
- C blood
- D soon
- E mood