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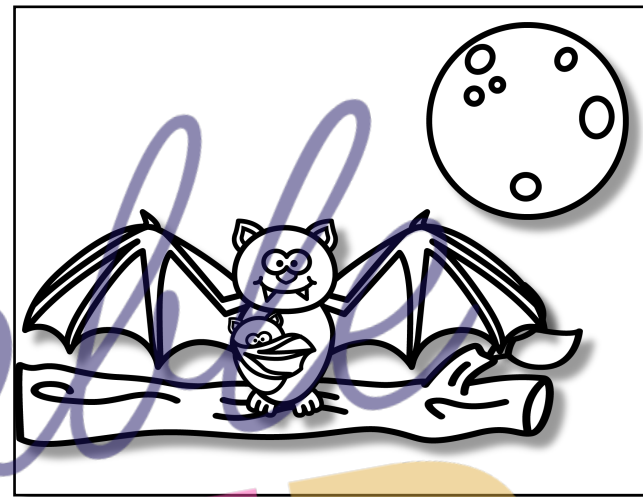
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<b>Owls</b>	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I
<b>Halloween</b>	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I

# Ben's Flight

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The sun set. It was time for Ben Bat's first time to fly by himself. "I'm scared, Mom," Ben said. "Why are you scared, Ben?" she asked. "It is dark now. What if I fly into a tree?" Ben asked. Mom smiled. "That would be scary. You do not need to worry, Ben. That will not happen to you," his mom said. "Why not?" Ben asked. "Bats are special," she told him. "All you need to do is make a sound. Then you listen for the sound to come back. That will tell you what is around you. You will not hit anything." Ben made a clicking sound. He heard it come back. "Wow! It is like I am seeing with my ears," he said.



① How did Ben's mom make him feel better?

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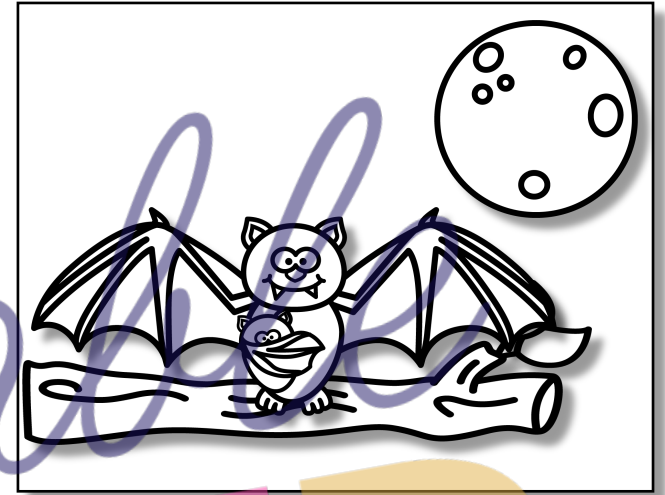
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② What was Ben scared of?       flying       hitting a tree

# Ben's Flight

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The sun set. It was dark outside. Ben was sitting on a tree branch with his mom. It was time for him to fly by himself. He hugged his mom tight. He did not want to let go. "I am scared," he said to his mom. "Why are you scared, Ben?" she asked. "It is so dark outside. What if I fly right into a tree?" Ben asked. His mom laughed. "That would be scary," she said. "You do not have to worry about running into anything." "Why not?" Ben asked. "Bats are special. We do not have to see with our eyes to fly at night," she said. "Really?" Ben asked. "Yes," she said. "We can use our ears. All you need to do is make a sound. You will hear the sound come back as an echo. That will tell you what is around you." His mom made a clicking sound. Ben tried making the clicking sound, too. He heard the echo. "Wow! It is like I am seeing with my ears!" Ben said. "I think I am ready to try flying." Ben let go of his mom. He jumped off the branch. Soon, he was flying through the air. "This is so fun!" Ben said.



① How did Ben's mom help him feel better?

② What was Ben scared of?  flying  the dark  hitting a tree  all of these

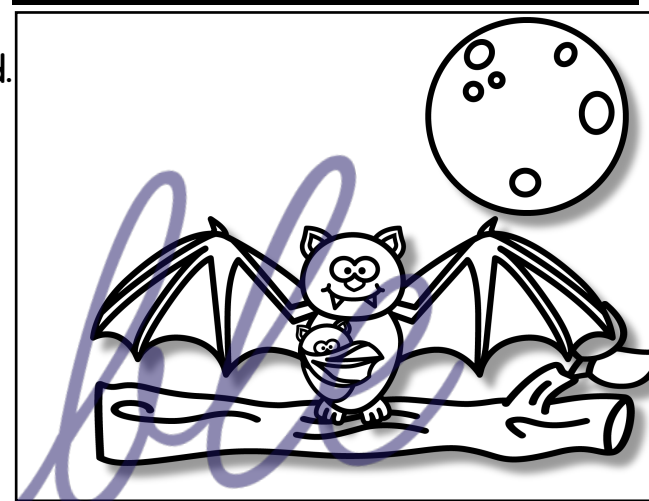
# Ben's First Flight

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ben saw the sun set. It was getting dark outside. He was getting scared. He sat on a tree branch by his mom. He was supposed to fly for the first time tonight. "I am afraid," he said to her. "Why do you feel afraid?" she asked. Ben hugged her closer. "It is so dark outside. What if I fly right into a tree?" he asked.

Ben's mom smiled at him. She hugged him back. "That would be scary," she said, "but you do not need to worry about that." "Why not?" asked Ben. "You will not run into a tree. Bats are special," she told him. "How are we special?" Ben asked. "We do not have to see with our eyes to fly. That is why it does not matter if it is dark outside," she said. "How do we fly without running into trees?" Ben asked. He did not understand how he could fly without seeing.

"We use ours ears," his mom told him. "All you need to do is make a sound like this." She made a clicking sound. "Now you try it. Tell me what you hear," she said. Ben made the clicking sound, too. He listened carefully. "I can hear the sound come back to me," Ben said. "You are hearing the echo," Ben's mom explained. "The sound you made bounced off of something. Then it came back to you." Ben made the sound again. He listened for the echo. "I can tell that it came off of something big," he said. "Now you know that you do not want to fly there," his mom said. "The echo tells you what is around you." Ben finally understood. "When I fly, I will keep making that sound. I can listen to help me know where to go," he said. "That is right, Ben. Now it is time to try," his mom said. Ben jumped off the branch. He was flying! He made the clicking sound. He listened for the echo. "This is so fun!" Ben said.



① How did Ben's mom help him?

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  flying   
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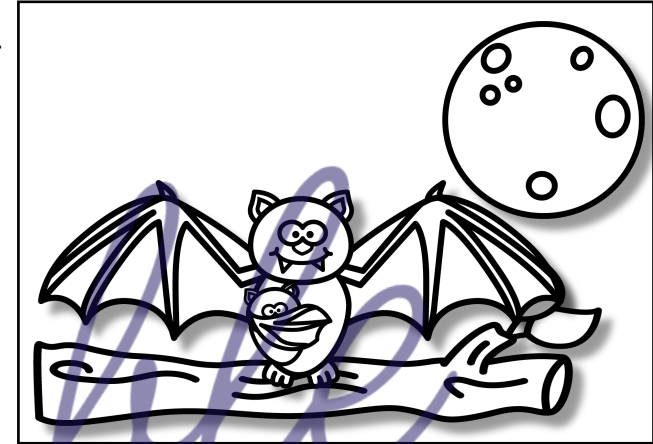




Ben watched the sun set and the sky get darker. He was getting nervous. He sat on a tree branch by his mom. He was supposed to fly for the first time tonight. "I'm scared," he said to her. "Why do you feel afraid?" she asked. Ben hugged her closer. "It is so dark outside. I just know that I'm going to fly into a tree," he said.

Ben's mom smiled and hugged him back. "That would be scary, but you don't need to worry about that," she said. "Why not?" asked Ben. "You won't run into a tree because bats are special," she told him. Ben's eyes widened. "How are we special?" he asked. "We don't have to see with our eyes to fly. That's why it doesn't matter if it is dark outside," she said. "How do we fly without running into trees?" Ben asked. He didn't know if he believed his mom because he couldn't understand how he could fly without seeing.

"We use our ears," his mom explained. "All you need to do is make a sound like this." She made a clicking sound. "Now you try it, and tell me what you hear," she said. Ben made the clicking sound, too, and listened carefully. "I can hear the sound come back to me," Ben said. "You're hearing the echo," Ben's mom explained. "The sound you made bounced off of something before coming back to you." Ben made the sound again. He listened for the echo. "I can tell that it came off of something big," he said. "Now you know that you do not want to fly there because the echo tells you what is around you," she said. Ben finally understood. "When I fly, I'll keep making that sound. I can listen to help me know where to go," he said. "That's right, Ben. Now it's time to try," his mom said. Ben jumped off the branch. He was flying! He made the clicking sound. He listened for the echo. He knew exactly where to go. "This is so fun!" Ben said.



① How did Ben's mom help him?

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# Bats

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary



mammals



nocturnal



echolocation



echoes

Bats are mammals. They are the only mammals that can fly. They are nocturnal. They use their ears to fly in the dark. Bats do not have good eyesight. They do have very good hearing. Bats use echolocation. They clicking sounds with their mouths.



The clicking sounds bounce off of the objects around them. The bats listen to the echoes. They make sure that they do not fly into objects. They can also find insects by listening to the echoes. Some bats eat fruits instead of insects. Bats are amazing animals!



① Why do bats use echolocation?

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② What are bats?



mammals



birds



both

Vocabulary mammals echolocation microbats megabats

Bats are the only mammals that can fly. They are nocturnal. This means that they fly at night. Bats do not have good eyesight. Instead, they have amazing hearing. They know where to go by listening. Bats use echolocation. They make clicking sounds with their mouths. The clicking sounds bounce off of the objects around them. Bats listen to the echoes.



They know where the objects are by the sounds of the echoes. This is how they keep from running into objects. Microbats are smaller bats. They eat insects. They live all over the world. These bats also use echolocation to find food to eat. They can catch flying insects just by listening! Megabats are larger bats. They live in tropical areas. They eat fruits. They use their noses to find food to eat. These bats live in big groups called colonies.



① Why do bats use echolocation?

② Which kind of bat use their ears to find food?

 microbats megabats



Vocabulary ○ mammal ○ species ○ echolocation ○ colonies ○ roost

There is only one kind of mammal that can fly. It is a bat! There are over 1,000 species of bats. Almost all bats are nocturnal. They use echolocation to fly at night. They use their ears instead of their eyes to know where to go. Bats make clicking sounds. The sounds bounce off of objects around them. They listen for the echoes. This is how they keep from flying into objects.

There are two main kinds of bats. They are microbats and megabats. Microbats are smaller bats. They live all over the world. They have poor eyesight. They use echolocation to catch their food. They catch insects that fly around them. Some microbats eat animals like frogs or fish! Megabats are larger than microbats. Most kinds of megabats live in tropical areas. They also use echolocation to fly. They do not use it to find food, however. They have much better eyesight than microbats. They also have a strong sense of smell. They use these senses to find fruits to eat.

Bats live in large groups called colonies. Some bat colonies roost together in caves. A cave can protect bats from predators. Other colonies roost in trees. They hang upside down from their feet. Bats hang close to each other to stay warm when it is cold outside. When it is hot, they flap their wings to stay cool. Bats rely on their colonies for protection. The biggest colony has millions of bats in it!



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① Why do bats use echolocation?

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② Which kind of bat use their ears to find food? ○ megabats ○ microbats ○ colonies ○ all of these

Vocabulary ○ mammal ○ species ○ echolocation ○ colonies ○ roost

Did you know that there is only one kind of mammal that can fly? It is a bat! There are over 1,000 species of bats. Almost all of them are nocturnal. They use echolocation to fly at night. This means that they use their ears instead of their eyes to know where to go. Bats make clicking sounds. The sounds bounce off of objects around them. They listen for the echoes to keep from flying into objects.

There are microbats and megabats. Microbats are smaller. They live all over the world. They have poor eyesight. They use echolocation to catch their food, as well as to fly. They catch insects that fly around them! Some microbats eat animals like frogs or fish! Megabats are larger than microbats. Most types of megabats live in tropical areas. They also use echolocation to fly, but they do not need it to find food. This is because they have much better eyesight than microbats. They also have a strong sense of smell. They use these senses to find fruits to eat.

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