

## Tasks

People generally think that bats are scary, but they aren't really all that frightening. Bats are the only mammals that can fly. They have fur on their bodies, and their wings are made of two layers of skin called a membrane. The membrane stretches over the bats' arms and finger bones and is joined to their legs for additional strength. Because their wings are like hands which can easily change shape, bats can do amazing acrobatics in the air.

When bats want to rest, they fold up their wings like an umbrella, tuck their heads inside, and hang upside down by their toes. They usually hang together with other bats in caves, houses, attics, and even trees. There's another bat is ready to give birth, she doesn't hang upside-down; she hangs in a triangle in an upright position from her ribcage, and makes it hard by holding her tail between her legs. The baby is born in the tail and stays with its mother for a few days, hanging on to her ribcage in the dark by squeezing on to the tip. If there is an object in their path, the超音波 sensors can detect which the bats can hear. Bats have very large, sensitive ears. Some bats even find their food by the use of echolocation.

Bats usually eat small insects or rodents, but some prefer fruit. The well-known vampire bat from South America drinks the blood of animals for nourishment. At night, vampire bats bite sleeping animals and suck their blood. Because the bats move so quietly, the animals they bite generally don't even wake up.

## Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks. (Change the forms of the words of necessity.)

Nearly	Precisely	But	Frightening	Dangerous	especially
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- My dog has soft, white \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hummers, dogs, elephants, and scorpions are all \_\_\_\_\_.
- I think Alice is doing an \_\_\_\_\_ job with the students.
- Don't tell the \_\_\_\_\_ secret story to the children before they get to bed.
- Some bats find their food by the use of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to have this paper this time last night, but it wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_.

## Reading Comprehension