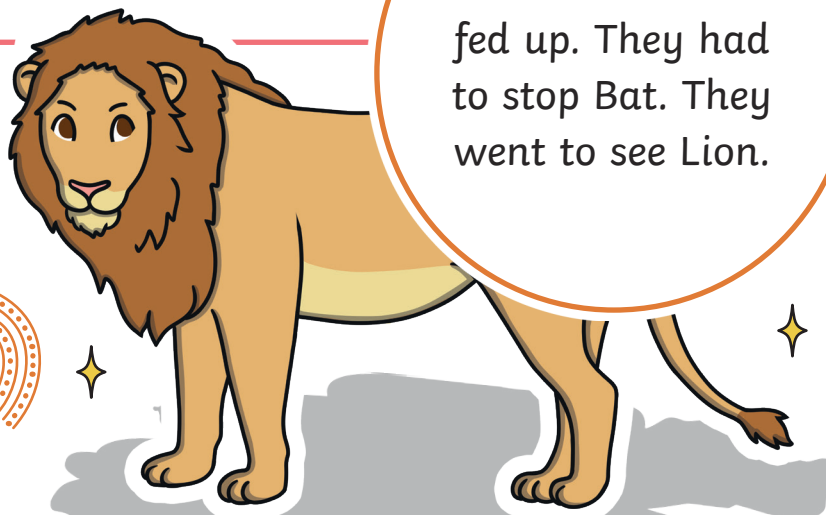


Why Does Bat Hang Upside Down?

Bat liked to play tricks and scare the animals. It was fun to shout BOO! to make them jump. Bat scared them day and night. The animals did not like it.



The animals were fed up. They had to stop Bat. They went to see Lion.

Lion had a plan to make a storm.

- hooves stamped like thunder
- wings flapped like wind
- Elephant made rain
- Buffalo made lightning

The storm did not scare Bat at first. Lightning then flashed. Bat was scared. He flew into a cave. He hung upside down and hid his eyes. Bat would not come out. He was too scared!

Bat never came out in the sun after that day. He never scared anyone again. That is why Bat hangs upside down.



Questions

1. What did Bat think it was fun to shout? Tick one.

- BOO!
- HEY!
- SHOO!

2. How did the animals feel about Bat scaring them? Tick one.

- They loved it.
- They thought it was fun.
- They did not like it.

3. When did Bat scare the animals? Tick one.

- day and night
- every night
- every day

4. Who did the animals go and see? Tick one.

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- Lion
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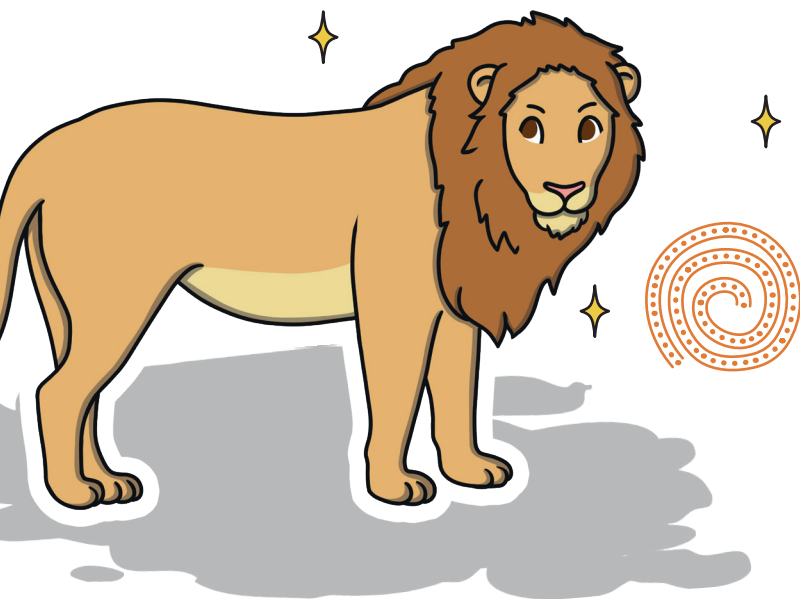
Why Does Bat Hang Upside Down?

Bat loved to play tricks and scare the other animals. He thought it was fun to shout BOO! and make them jump.

He flew up to the moon one night and made a long shadow over the sleeping animals. He then made horrible sounds to wake them. The animals were frightened and thought a big beast was coming to get them. Bat just laughed.

“How would you feel if we did that to you?” the animals asked.

“Nothing! I’m not scared of anything!” Bat replied.



The animals were fed up with Bat. They had to stop him so they went to see Lion.



Lion had a plan to make a storm.

- Animals with hooves stamped their feet like thunder.
- Animals with feathers beat their wings like wind.
- Elephant filled his trunk with water to make rain.
- Buffalo crashed their horns to make lightning.

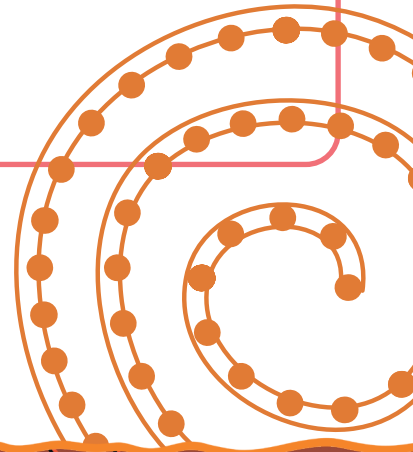
Why Does Bat Hang Upside Down?



The wind blew and thunder crashed.

“I’m not scared,” Bat thought.

“Nothing scares me!”



Lightning then flashed and Bat did feel scared. He flew and hid in a dark cave. He hung upside down and covered his eyes. Bat would not come out. He would not open his eyes. He was too scared!

Bat changed after that day. He never came out in the sun and he never scared anyone again.

That is why Bat hangs upside down.



Questions

1. What did Bat love to do? Tick one.

- play tricks and scare the birds
 play tricks and scare the other animals
 play tricks and scare the people
 play tricks and scare the other bats

2. Draw **three** lines and match the animals with the sounds they made in the storm.

Animals with hooves...

beat their wings like wind.

Animals with feathers...

crashed their horns to make lightning.

Buffalo...

stamped their feet like thunder.

3. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the story. The first one has been done for you.

- Lightning then flashed and Bat did feel scared.
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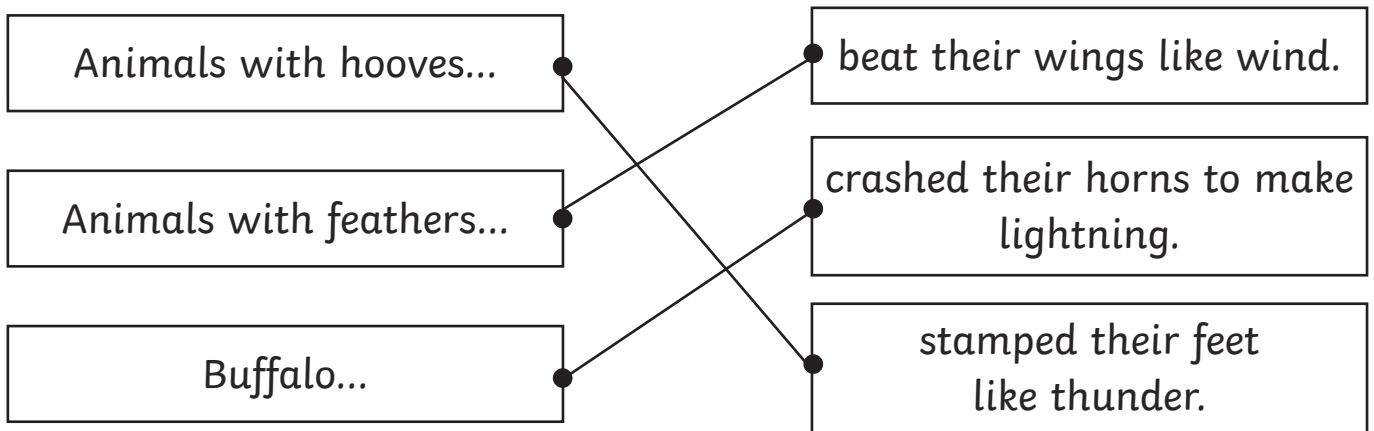
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dark

5. What did Bat do in the cave?

Bat hung upside down and covered his eyes in the cave.

Why Does Bat Hang Upside Down?

Bat was **mischievous**. He wasn't scared of anything but he loved to scare the other animals. He thought it was fun to shout BOO! and make them jump. Bat could frighten any animal big or small so he played tricks on them day and night.

"How would you feel if we frightened you?" the animals asked him.

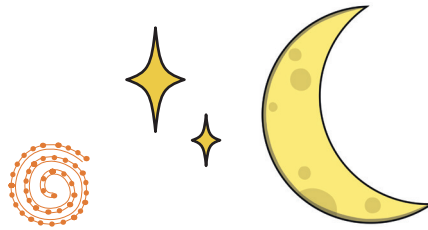
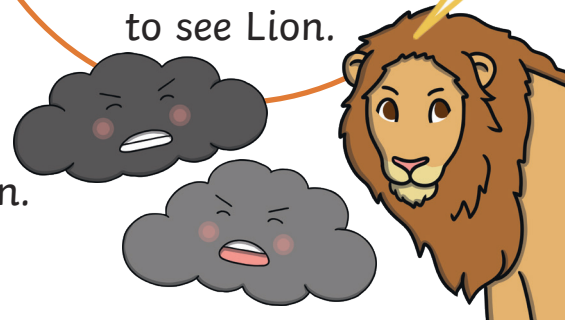
"Nothing! I would feel nothing! I'm not scared of anything!" Bat **boasted**.

Lion knew Bat wasn't afraid of anything but he had a plan. He told the animals to make a storm.

- The animals with hooves stamped their feet like thunder.
- The animals with feathers beat their wings like wind.
- Elephant filled his trunk with water to make rain.
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One night, Bat flew up to the moon and cast a long, scary shadow over the sleeping animals. He made strange noises to wake them up. The animals stirred from their sleep and were frightened by the unusual sounds and by the awful shadow looming above them. They thought a giant creature was trying to get them. Bat just laughed. He loved to see them frightened.

The animals had had enough! They had to do something. They were fed up with Bat and wanted to teach him a lesson so they went to see Lion.

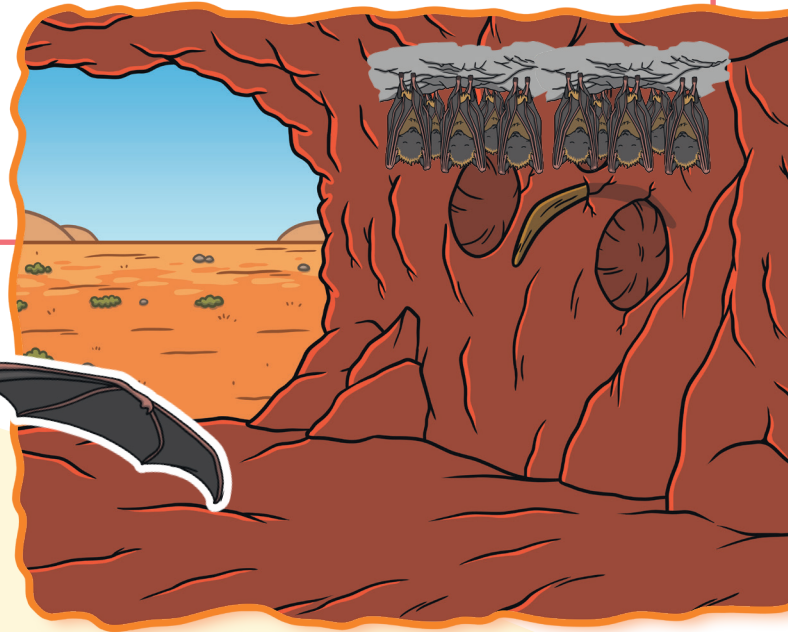
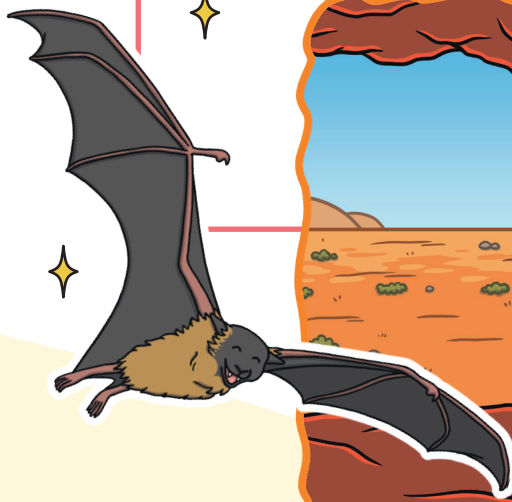


Why Does Bat Hang Upside Down?



The wind grew strong and the thunder rang through the air.

"I'm not scared," Bat reassured himself.
"Nothing scares me!"



The lightning flashed and then Bat did begin to feel scared. He flew and hid in a dark cave. He covered his eyes and hung upside down.

The other animals found Bat but he would not come out or open his eyes. He was too scared!

Glossary

boasted: To show off about something.

mischievous: To cause trouble in a playful way.

From that day, Bat became a shy animal who stayed in his cave. He never came out in the bright sun and never scared anyone again.

That is why Bat hangs upside down.



Questions

1. What did Bat think it was fun to do? Tick one.

- to shout BOO! and make the animals run
- to shout BOO! and make the animals jump
- to shout BOO! and make the animals fall
- to shout BOO! and make the animals sad

2. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

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- Lion knew Bat wasn't afraid of anything but he had a plan.
- 1 Bat could frighten any animal big or small.
- One night, Bat flew up to the moon and cast a long, scary shadow over the sleeping animals.

3. Fill in the missing word.

The animals stirred from their sleep and were frightened by the unusual sounds and by the awful _____ looming above them.

4. Find and copy one word that shows that the shadow Bat makes is frightening.

5. What did the animals ask Bat?

6. Was Lion's plan a good idea? Explain why you think that.

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scary

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Lion's plan was a good idea because the animals had all had enough of Bat scaring them and they didn't want him to do it anymore. It was a great plan because it worked.