



Bat Loves the Night

Follow-Up Questions

After you and your child have read *Bat Loves the Night* by Nicola Davies, or any of the other informational books about bats, give your child the opportunity to demonstrate their new knowledge. Ask them some follow-up questions and allow them to tell you what they've learned about bats, questions they still have or things that surprised them. Use these questions as a springboard for discussion and enjoy the privilege of learning alongside them.

This is meant to be **fun and enjoyable** so feel free to turn it into a game, or you can both pretend you are bats, act it out and be silly!

- In what position does a bat sleep? **Upside down.**
- What does a bat use to hang on? **Their toenails.**
- Why is it so easy for a bat to hang on upside down (what is the shape of their toes)? **Their toes are shaped like hooks.**
- Do bats rely on their eyes or their ears to see in the dark? **Their ears.**
- What is it called when a bat shouts and uses that sound to find their way in the dark? **Echolocation.**
- Can people like you and me hear the bat's shouts? **No, the sound is too high for humans to hear.**
- How many tiny flies, gnats and mosquitoes can a bat eat in one night? **A LOT! Thousands.**
- What is the special name for the place where bats sleep during the day? **A roost.**
- Their roost can be in a building, cave or a tree. What's the most important thing about their home? **That it's dry and safe.**
- Can newborn baby bats fly? **No.**
- How old are bats when they learn to fly? **A few weeks old.**
- Bats hunt and eat at night and sleep during the day. What is this called? **Nocturnal.**