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 tocnails.**
- 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.**