

FACT OR FICTION?

Part One

Can Bats See?

Have you ever heard the phrase “as blind as a bat”? It means being nearly or completely blind. Because of this phrase, many people assume that bats can’t see, but this is incorrect. In fact, bats are not blind. They use their sense of sight and smell to find food and get back to their home.

Did you know that bats can also help us in many ways? For example, they pollinate¹ many types of fruit, such as bananas, mangoes and avocados. They also save farmers millions of dollars on pesticides² because they eat thousands of plant-eating insects every night.

Questions:

1. What does “blind as a bat” means?

2. Are bats blind?

3. What do bats use to find food?

4. Give ONE example of how bats help us.

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5. Complete the sentence .

Bats save farmers lots of money because -----
