

Can Bats See?

Have you ever heard the phrase “as blind as
10 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
15 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
20 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 -----
