



Bat Riddles



30 riddles from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

Easy riddles ★

- 1 I have fur like a mouse and wings like a bird, and I'm the only mammal that can truly fly. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm called a bat, but I've never flown. I'm made of wood or metal, and you swing me at a ball. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm a big, dark, rocky room under the ground, and thousands of bats might sleep on my ceiling. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 When a bat goes to sleep, it hangs from its feet. Which way is it facing?

ANSWER _____

- 5 A baby bat shares its name with a baby dog. What is a baby bat called?

ANSWER _____

- 6 Bats wake up when I arrive and go to sleep when I leave. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 Many bats munch on these tiny flying snacks every night: moths, beetles and mosquitoes. What are they?

ANSWER _____

- 8 What letters do bats learn first at school?

ANSWER _____

- 9 What do bats do when they spend time with their friends?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm a big bat with a face like a fox, and I eat fruit instead of insects. What am I called?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 Many bats make high squeaks, then listen for the sounds that bounce back to find bugs in the dark. What is this skill called?

ANSWER _____

- 12 True or false: bats are blind.
ANSWER _____
- 13 A bat's wing is made of thin skin stretched over long, skinny bones. Which part of your body has the same kind of bones?
ANSWER _____
- 14 Some bats sip nectar from flowers at night and carry this yellow dust from one flower to the next, helping the plants make seeds. What is the dust?
ANSWER _____
- 15 A fruit bat eats a juicy fig, flies far away and drops these. A brand-new tree might grow from them. What are they?
ANSWER _____
- 16 Bat droppings have a special name, and farmers have used them as a fertilizer to help crops grow. What are they called?
ANSWER _____
- 17 A big group of bats living together has the same name as a big group of ants. What is it?
ANSWER _____
- 18 Bats are mammals. What does a newborn pup drink?
ANSWER _____
- 19 When winter comes and the insects disappear, many bats in cold places go into a long, deep sleep. What is that called?
ANSWER _____
- 20 Add one letter to the end of BAT, and you get something you can fill with bubbles. What is it?
ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 21 I'm a word for animals that sleep during the day and wake up at night, like bats and owls. What word am I?
ANSWER _____
- 22 In Austin, Texas, more than a million bats spend their summers under this. On warm evenings, crowds gather to watch them pour out at sunset. Where do they live?
ANSWER _____
- 23 I'm a small bat from Central and South America, and I'm named after a spooky creature from Dracula stories because I feed on blood, mostly from cows and other animals. What am I?
ANSWER _____

- 24 One of the smallest mammals in the world is a bat that weighs only about 2 grams, less than a penny. It's named after a fuzzy, buzzing insect. What is it?

ANSWER _____

- 25 A bat catches 3 moths in its first hour of hunting, 6 in the second hour and 9 in the third. If it keeps going like this, how many moths does it catch in the fifth hour?

ANSWER _____

- 26 The scientific name for the bat group is Chiroptera. It comes from Greek words that mean "hand" and something else. What is the other word?

ANSWER _____

- 27 Which word for a circus performer who flips, tumbles and swings on a trapeze ends with the letters B-A-T?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Which Australian animal has "bat" in its name, can't fly at all and digs burrows in the ground?

ANSWER _____

- 29 Add -TER to BAT. Now I swing at pitches in a baseball game, but I'm also something you mix up to make pancakes. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 30 Bats live on every continent but one. Which continent has no bats?

ANSWER _____

Answers

Bat Riddles · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. A bat
2. A baseball bat
3. A cave
4. **Upside down.** Bats roost hanging upside down by their feet.
5. A pup
6. **Night.** Most bats are active after dark.
7. Insects
8. **The alpha-bat** (alphabet)
9. They hang out.
10. **A flying fox.** Flying foxes are large fruit bats.
11. **Echolocation.** Bats "see" with sound by listening to echoes.
12. **False.** All bats can see. Many also use echolocation to hunt in the dark.
13. **Your hand.** A bat's wing bones are like very long finger bones.
14. Pollen
15. **Seeds.** Fruit bats help spread trees across forests.
16. Guano
17. A colony
18. **Milk.** Mother bats feed their pups milk.
19. Hibernation
20. BATH
21. Nocturnal
22. **Under a bridge.** The Congress Avenue Bridge is home to a huge colony of Mexican free-tailed bats.
23. A vampire bat
24. **The bumblebee bat.** It lives in Thailand and Myanmar.
25. **15.** It catches 3 more each hour: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15.
26. **Wing.** Chiroptera means "hand wing."
27. Acrobat
28. A wombat
29. Batter
30. Antarctica

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at riddlepedia.com/bat-riddles/, where you can also play them as a game.