

Bat Meaning Match

Use sentence clues to tell which bat you read about.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4 “Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

ANIMAL BAT

A bat can be a flying animal. Words such as wings, cave, or bugs can help you know this meaning.

The bat has fuzzy fur.

TOOL BAT

A bat can be a tool used to hit a ball. Words such as swing, baseball, or hit can help you know this meaning.

I held a bat during baseball practice.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle ANIMAL or TOOL, then choose two sentences and explain which clue words helped you.

1. 1. A bat slept in the cave. ANIMAL TOOL

2. 2. At night, the bat chased bugs. ANIMAL TOOL

3. 3. Mia swung the bat at the ball. ANIMAL TOOL

4. 4. We saw a bat flap its wings. ANIMAL TOOL

5. 5. The player carried a bat to home plate. ANIMAL TOOL

6. 6. Dad put the bat in the sports bag. ANIMAL TOOL

7. 7. A tiny bat hung upside down. ANIMAL TOOL

8. 8. Jon used a bat to hit the piñata. ANIMAL TOOL

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence about an ANIMAL bat and one new sentence about a TOOL bat.

ANIMAL _____

TOOL _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using bat, then underline the clue words that show which meaning of bat you mean.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. A bat slept in the cave.	ANIMAL	The word cave tells that bat means the animal.
2	2. At night, the bat chased bugs.	ANIMAL	Chased bugs is something the animal does.
3	3. Mia swung the bat at the ball.	TOOL	Swung and ball show that bat is a hitting tool.
4	4. We saw a bat flap its wings.	ANIMAL	Wings show that bat means the animal.
5	5. The player carried a bat to home plate.	TOOL	Player and home plate show that bat is used in baseball.
6	6. Dad put the bat in the sports bag.	TOOL	A sports bag holds a baseball bat.
7	7. A tiny bat hung upside down.	ANIMAL	Hung upside down describes the animal.
8	8. Jon used a bat to hit the piñata.	TOOL	Used to hit shows that bat is a tool.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ANIMAL:** The bat flew over the trees.
- **TOOL:** Lee used a bat to hit a baseball.

Challenge: The bat flew out of the cave. Clue words: flew, cave.

Sort answers: 1 ANIMAL, 2 ANIMAL, 3 TOOL, 4 ANIMAL, 5 TOOL, 6 TOOL, 7 ANIMAL, 8 TOOL. For Part 2, accept explanations that name relevant context clues and connect them to the correct meaning.