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. A bat slept in the cave. ANIMAL TOOL
2. At night, the bat chased bugs. ANIMAL TOOL
3. Mia swung the bat at the ball. ANIMAL TOOL
4. We saw a bat flap its wings. ANIMAL TOOL
5. The player carried a bat to home plate. ANIMAL TOOL
6. Dad put the bat in the sports bag. ANIMAL TOOL
7. A tiny bat hung upside down. ANIMAL TOOL
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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

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