

Which Bat?

Use nearby words to find the meaning.

2L4.a "Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ANIMAL

Choose ANIMAL when the clues tell about a living creature.

The **seal** splashed in the water.

OBJECT

Choose OBJECT when the clues tell about a thing someone uses.

Put a **seal** on the envelope.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle ANIMAL or OBJECT, then choose two item numbers and write the clue words that helped you decide.

1. At dusk, a **bat** flew out of the cave.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

2. Luis swung the **bat** to hit the ball.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

3. The coach put the **bat** in the equipment bag.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

4. The **bat** slept upside down.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

5. At the zoo, the keeper fed the **bat** fruit.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

6. Place the **bat** beside home plate.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

7. The tiny **bat** used its wings to fly.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

8. The **bat** caught bugs over the pond.

ANIMAL

OBJECT

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 where **bat** is an ANIMAL and one new sentence where **bat** is an OBJECT.

ANIMAL _____

OBJECT _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences using **bat**, once as an ANIMAL and once as an OBJECT, and underline the clue words in each sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	At dusk, a bat flew out of the cave.	ANIMAL	Flew and cave are clues that bat means the animal.
2	Luis swung the bat to hit the ball.	OBJECT	Swung and hit the ball are clues that bat means a sports object.
3	The coach put the bat in the equipment bag.	OBJECT	Coach and equipment bag are clues that bat means a sports object.
4	The bat slept upside down.	ANIMAL	Slept upside down is a clue that bat means the animal.
5	At the zoo, the keeper fed the bat fruit.	ANIMAL	Zoo keeper and fed are clues that bat means the animal.
6	Place the bat beside home plate.	OBJECT	Home plate is a clue that bat means a sports object.
7	The tiny bat used its wings to fly.	ANIMAL	Tiny, wings, and fly are clues that bat means the animal.
8	The bat caught bugs over the pond.	ANIMAL	Caught bugs over the pond is a clue that bat means the animal.

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:** A **bat** rested in the old barn.
- **OBJECT:** Sam held a **bat** during the game.

Challenge: A **bat** flew from the dark cave. Ava used a **bat** to hit a baseball.

Item answers are 1 ANIMAL, 2 OBJECT, 3 OBJECT, 4 ANIMAL, 5 ANIMAL, 6 OBJECT, 7 ANIMAL, and 8 ANIMAL. For Part 2, accept any two correct choices with clue words that support the meaning.