

Bat Meaning Match

Use sentence clues to find what bat means.

2L4 "Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ANIMAL

The word names a living animal. Read the other words in the sentence for clues.

The **seal** swims in the ocean.

SPORTS TOOL

The word names something used to play a sport. Read the other words in the sentence for clues.

Use a **racket** to hit the tennis ball.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle ANIMAL or TOOL for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which nearby words helped you decide.

1. 1. The bat slept in a cave. ANIMAL TOOL

2. 2. Luis swung the bat at the ball. ANIMAL TOOL

3. 3. The coach put bats in the equipment bag. ANIMAL TOOL

4. 4. We saw a bat hanging upside down. ANIMAL TOOL

5. 5. A tiny bat ate insects. ANIMAL TOOL

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

7. 7. A bat has wings and flies at night. ANIMAL TOOL

8. 8. Dad bought a new bat for baseball. ANIMAL TOOL

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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 means ANIMAL. Then write one new sentence where bat means TOOL.

ANIMAL _____

TOOL _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences using **bat**, one for each meaning. Underline the words that give a clue.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The bat slept in a cave.	ANIMAL	A cave is a place where a bat animal may sleep.
2	2. Luis swung the bat at the ball.	TOOL	Swung and ball show that bat is sports equipment.
3	3. The coach put bats in the equipment bag.	TOOL	A coach and an equipment bag point to sports tools.
4	4. We saw a bat hanging upside down.	ANIMAL	Hanging upside down describes a bat animal.
5	5. A tiny bat ate insects.	ANIMAL	Eating insects describes a bat animal.
6	6. The player carried a bat to home plate.	TOOL	Player and home plate show that bat is a baseball tool.
7	7. A bat has wings and flies at night.	ANIMAL	Wings and flies at night describe a bat animal.
8	8. Dad bought a new bat for baseball.	TOOL	Baseball shows that bat is sports equipment.

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 out of the barn at night.
- **TOOL:** Nora picked up her bat before the game.

Challenge: At dusk, the **bat** flew from the cave. Maya held a **bat** at home plate.

Accept answers that use clear context clues to show each meaning of bat. In Part 2, students may point to words such as cave, wings, ball, coach, or baseball as evidence.