

Which Bat?

Use context clues to find the right meaning.

3.3.B “use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

ANIMAL BAT

Use clues such as wings, flying, or sleeping places to see that bat means the animal.

A bat curled inside a hollow tree.

SPORTS BAT

Use clues such as a game, a coach, or hitting to see that bat means a tool used in baseball or softball.

Evan set his bat in the dugout.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence and circle ANIMAL or SPORTS.

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| 1. At sunset, a bat flew out of a barn. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 2. Priya placed her bat beside the baseball helmet. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 3. Marcus swung his bat and ran to first base. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 4. A bat slept upside down in the zoo's night house. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 5. We watched a bat catch insects over the pond. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 6. Jalen gripped the bat at home plate before his turn to hit. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 7. The bat used its wings to glide through the dark. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |
| 8. Coach told Nia to bring her bat to softball practice. | ☐ ANIMAL | ☐ SPORTS |

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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 in which bat means ANIMAL and one new sentence in which bat means SPORTS.

ANIMAL _____

SPORTS _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences that use bat twice, once for an animal and once for sports equipment. Add a context clue in each sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	At sunset, a bat flew out of a barn.	ANIMAL	Flew and barn show that bat is an animal.
2	Priya placed her bat beside the baseball helmet.	SPORTS	Baseball helmet shows that bat is sports equipment.
3	Marcus swung his bat and ran to first base.	SPORTS	Swung and first base show that bat is used in baseball.
4	A bat slept upside down in the zoo's night house.	ANIMAL	Slept upside down in a night house describes an animal bat.
5	We watched a bat catch insects over the pond.	ANIMAL	Catching insects shows that bat is an animal.
6	Jalen gripped the bat at home plate before his turn to hit.	SPORTS	Home plate and turn to hit show that bat is sports equipment.
7	The bat used its wings to glide through the dark.	ANIMAL	Wings and gliding show that bat is an animal.
8	Coach told Nia to bring her bat to softball practice.	SPORTS	Coach and softball practice show 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:** A bat peeked out from a crack in the old bridge.
- **SPORTS:** Omar chose a bat from the rack for tee-ball.

Challenge: A bat circled the streetlight, hunting moths. During the next inning, Kim carried a bat to the batter's box.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name context clues, such as "wings" for ANIMAL or "home plate" for SPORTS. For Part 3 and the challenge, accept varied answers when each sentence clearly shows the intended meaning.