



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Flying Foxes and Other Bats

Where in the world do flying foxes and other bats live? How do flying foxes and other bats see? Are some bats vampires? Read to *Flying Foxes and Other Bats* find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. An example of a place where bats do not live is ...
 - a. Europe
 - b. North America
 - c. Africa
 - d. Antarctica
2. Flying foxes eat ...
 - a. Fruit
 - b. Mice
 - c. Squirrels
 - d. Insects
3. An example of a bat that flies south for the winter is the ...
 - a. Mexican free-tailed bat
 - b. Flying fox
 - c. Little brown bat
 - d. Indiana bat
4. Vampire bats live in ...
 - a. England
 - b. Mexico
 - c. Japan
 - d. China
5. What type of bat is this?
6. What type of bat is this?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Most bats are nocturnal. | _____ 4. The little brown bat can eat more than its own body weight in insects in one night. |
| _____ 2. There are more than 900 species of bats. | _____ 5. Vampire bats feed on the blood of other mammals. |
| _____ 3. When flying foxes are resting, they sit upright on a branch. | _____ 6. Bats are always harmful to humans. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Antarctica.** According to section “Where in the World Do Flying Foxes and Other Bats Live?” on page 8, we know that “In fact, the only areas in which bats do not live are Antarctica and the Arctic.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. Fruit.** According to section “What Do Flying Foxes Eat?” on page 20, we know that “They sometimes eat nectar and pollen but, usually, flying foxes eat juice that they squeeze out of fruit.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. a. Fruit.** According to section “Who Flies South for the Winter?” on page 34, we know that “Unlike the little brown bat discussed on the prior two pages, many other bats, including the Mexican free-tailed bat, follow migrating patterns much like those of birds.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Mexico.** According to section “Are Some Bats Vampires?” on page 50, we know that “Common vampire bats, which live in Mexico and South America, feed on the blood of horses, cattle, and fowl (birds such as chickens.” So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 15, this photo shows an Indian flying fox.
- 6.** According to page 51, this photo shows a vampire bat.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “What Is a Bat?” on page 6, we know that “Most bats are nocturnal, or active at night.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section “Are Bats Big or Little?” on page 12, we know that “There are more than 900 species (kinds) of bats.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section “Where Do Flying Foxes Hang Out?” on page 24, we know that “When flying foxes are resting, they hang upside down from the high branches of trees.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section “Who’s an Expert Bug Zapper?” on page 44, we know that “The little brown bat — one of the most common bats in North America — can eat more than its own body weight in insects in only one night.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to section “Are Some Bats Vampires?” on page 50, we know that “A few kinds of bats feed on the blood of other mammals. These bats are called vampire bats.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section “How Do Bats Help Humans?” on page 58, we know that “Having insect-eating bats can be better than having an electronic bug-zapper. In fact, humans often try to attract bats to their backyards by providing bat houses.” So, the correct answer is False.