## Fun and interesting facts (About the unique properties of the bat)

## 1. Did you know which class Bat belongs to?

There are around 1400 species of bats that are located in different parts of the world. Bats come under the class of <u>vertebrates</u>. One characteristic that separates bats from other <u>mammals</u> is their ability to fly.

# 2. Did you know about the echolocation process, and how bats utilize it?

In echolocation, the bat makes a sound, and this sound bounces back towards the bat. The mouth and nose are used by bats for sending waves of sound. These waves will come back to the bat's ear. From the echo of these sound waves, a bat can create a picture of an object that is present around them.

## 3. Did you know about the lifespan of bats?

The longevity of flying mammals, bats, is about 30 years. A few of these mammals can survive up to 41 years.

#### 4. Do you know the speed at which a bat can fly?

They can hover at a maximum speed of 60 mph. A few species of bat can fly more than 60 mph.

### 5. Did you know the eating capacity of bats?

They can eat insects of their own weight. About 1200 insects can be swallowed by a bat in one hour.

#### 6. Do you know the name of the species resistant to scorpion stings?

The species of bat with resistance to dangerous scorpion venom is the <u>Pallid bat</u>. They are able to remain unhurt by the sting of the Arizona bark scorpion.

#### 7. Did you know what is called a baby bat?

<u>Baby bats</u> are known as pups. Most bats have one pup each year. Pup bats depend on the breast milk of their mother, like other mammals.

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