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Read the article “The World of Bats” before answering Numbers 6 through 10.

## The World of Bats

If an animal flies, is it a bird? Not necessarily. Bats, like birds, have wings and can fly. However, bats and birds are really very different. There are about 1,000 types of bats that can be found all over the world. Most bats, though, share some common traits.

### What does a bat look like?

Bats have a body that resembles a mouse. Their hands and arms are covered by a thin layer of skin. This allows their hands and arms to work like wings. Some bats have long tails, while others do not have any tail at all. Most bats have hair that helps to keep them warm.

Some bats are extremely large. They can be more than five feet long from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other wing. Some bats are very small, sometimes less than two inches from one wing tip to the other.

Bats have two eyes and can see very well. Some bats have large eyes, while others have very small eyes.

Bats also have two ears. They can move their ears to listen to sounds. They hear sounds very well, but they also use their hearing in other ways. They can use their hearing so they do not bump into things, and they can even use it to find their food.

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Just like people, bats have two sets of teeth in their lifetime. They have baby teeth when they are young. As they grow up, they lose their baby teeth and grow a new set of adult teeth.

### How do bats live?

Bats can see well even when it's dark, which means they can hunt for food at night. Bats eat a variety of things. Many bats eat bugs, while other bats eat fruit.

Because they search for food at night, bats usually sleep during the day. Some often sleep in caves, barns, or holes in trees. Others sleep in houses that people build for them. When a bat sleeps, it hangs upside down from its feet.



### How do bats help people?

Bats help people in several ways. For example, some bats eat the bugs that bite people and destroy plants. Bats can also help people by eating fruit. After they eat the fruit, bats sometimes drop seeds. The seeds then grow into new plants.

Bats are very interesting and unusual animals. Not only can they fly, but they also make the world a more pleasant place for people.

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Now answer Numbers 6 through 10. Base your answers on the article “The World of Bats.”

- 6** Which of the following BEST tells how the author feels about bats?
- F Some bats eat bugs.
  - G Some bats sleep in houses.
  - H They are very much like birds.
  - I They are helpful and interesting animals.
- 7** Which of these words from the story comes FIRST in ABC order?
- A tail
  - B ears
  - C wings
  - D mouse
- 8** Which of the following is true about ALL bats?
- F They have two ears.
  - G They are very large.
  - H They have long tails.
  - I They have small eyes.

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- 9 How are bats and people ALIKE?
- (A) Both have long tails.
  - (B) Both have small eyes.
  - (C) Both usually sleep during the day.
  - (D) Both have two sets of teeth in their lifetime.
- 10 How does the picture help you understand the article?
- (F) It shows how bats can help people.
  - (G) It shows how bats use their hearing.
  - (H) It shows how bats and birds are alike.
  - (I) It shows how bats hang upside down to sleep.