

## Bats

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Bats, by Martin Welsh explains why bats are one of the world's most amazing animals. The reasons they are amazing is because they are mammals that fly, have exceptional hearing, and are very helpful to humans..

Bats fly, but they are not birds. Bats are mammals. In fact, bats are the only mammals that really fly. Like other mammals, bats have hair. Unlike birds, which hatch from eggs, bats are born alive. They feed on milk from their mothers.

"Blind as a bat" is a popular saying, but bats aren't blind at all. Most see very well, even though they depend on their ears more than their eyes. Bats make high-pitched noises that humans can't hear. When these sounds hit something, an echo bounces back. Bats use echoes to help them find food and avoid flying into objects.

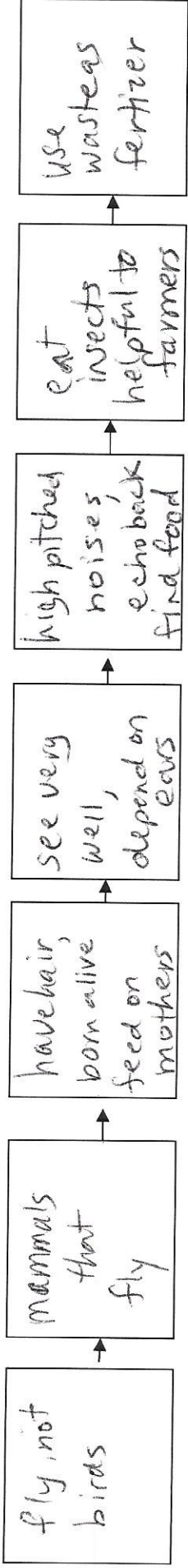
Bats are quite helpful. One way bats help is by eating insects that can cause disease or that harm farm crops. Some bats eat half their weight in mosquitoes in a single night! A final contribution comes from bat waste. People in many parts of the world use it as fertilizer.

Bats are interesting and important mammals because of their ability to fly, their exceptional hearing, and how they help humans.

# Summary-Grade 4

4WA 2.4 Write summaries that contain the main ideas of the reading selection and the most significant details

## Retell/Significant Plot Events



## Summary

Paragraph 1

Name it Bats, by Martin Welsh	Verb it explains	Complete the Thought why bats are one of the world's most amazing animals
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Paragraph 2

A-Main Idea  
mammals that fly

Paragraph 3

B-Main Idea  
Exceptional hearing

Paragraph 4

C-Main Idea  
very helpful to humans

## Significant Details

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The structure of this essay is best described as: compare/contrast, cause/effect, sequential/chronological order, or proposition and support.

Conclusion: Bats are interesting & important mammals because they fly, have exceptional hearing & help humans