

# 1 Tent for a Bat

Before dawn, the tent-building bat flies underneath a large palm frond. He grabs onto the center of the frond with the claws on his feet and grips its leaves with claws on his wings. The bat stretches his neck up to bite a small hole in one of the leaves. The hole makes the tip of the leaf fold down beside the bat. After doing the same thing to the rest of the leaves, the bat goes to sleep, shielded from the rising sun by his little tent.



## Vocabulary:

**dawn:** the time of day when the sun rises

**frond:** large leafy branch on a palm tree

**shielded:** protected

**1** **First Sentence:** Before dawn, the tent-building bat flies underneath a large palm frond.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. the bat? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the bat flying? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the palm frond? \_\_\_\_\_

4. the bat flying underneath the frond? \_\_\_\_\_

**2** **Second Sentence:** He grabs onto the center of the frond with the claws on his feet and grips its leaves with claws on his wings.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. the bat grabbing the frond? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the claws on the bat's feet? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the leaves? \_\_\_\_\_

4. the claws on the bat's wings? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Third Sentence:** The bat stretches his neck up to bite a small hole in one of the leaves.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. the bat stretching his neck? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the bat biting? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the hole in the leaf? \_\_\_\_\_

4. the size of the hole? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fifth Sentence:** After doing the same thing to the rest of the leaves, the bat goes to sleep, shielded from the rising sun by his little tent.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. the bat doing the same to the other leaves? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the bat going to sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the tent shielding the bat? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fourth Sentence:** The hole makes the tip of the leaf fold down beside the bat.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. the tip of the leaf? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the tip folding down? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the point where the tip folds? \_\_\_\_\_

4. the leaf now? \_\_\_\_\_

### Picture Summary:

Number your images in order. Here I saw...



a bat flying underneath a palm frond before dawn.



the bat biting the rest of the leaves and going to sleep shielded from the sun.



the bat biting holes in the palm's leaves.



the tip of the palm leaf folding down.



the bat grabbing onto the frond with his claws.

## Critical Thinking

### Write a Word Summary:

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### HOT Questions:

1. From what you pictured, why does the bat build his tent before dawn? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. From what you pictured, why does the bat grab the frond and leaves with his claws? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. From what you pictured, why does the bat only bite *holes* in the leaves? Why not bite all the way through them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. From what you pictured, why do the tips of the leaves fold down? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. From what you pictured, why is this bat called the "tent-building" bat? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What would you picture happening to the sleeping bat in a storm? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

- The tent-building bat bites a hole in a palm leaf.
- The tent-building bat uses a palm frond to shield himself from the sun while he sleeps.
- The tent-building bat sleeps under a palm frond of the tent-palm tree.

