

Answers

1. Which of these statements is not true? Tick one.

- mammals produce milk to feed their young
water voles eat insects and small mammals
 bats are the only flying mammal
 dormice are mostly active at night

2. Complete the missing information in the table:

Body Feature	Water Vole	Rat
tail	short and furry	long and hairless
nose	rounded	pointed
ears	small and hidden	clearly visible

3. **...it's a wonder that they don't sink!**

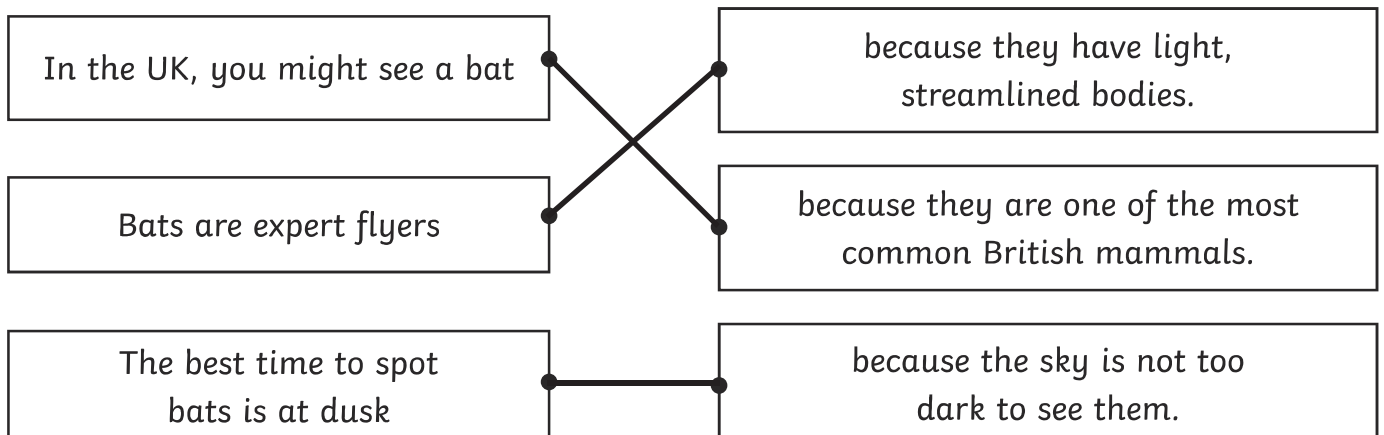
Why has the author added this phrase?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has used this phrase to show their surprise that water voles can still float despite eating 80% of their body weight each day.

4. Find and copy one word from the paragraph on badgers that means the same as **severe**.
harsh

5. Which French word means 'to sleep'?
dormir

6. Use the section on bats to match the statement with the reason:



7. Give two reasons why the badger has been given the best builder award.
Accept any two of the following reasons taken from the text: Their name means 'digger' in French; up to fourteen badgers work together on massive constructions; they have powerful legs and sharp claws making them efficient at digging; they dig setts with multiple rooms (chambers) and entrances; their setts survive for a long time (over 100 years).
8. Explain in your own words why the saying 'as blind as a bat' isn't really fair.
Pupils' own responses, such as: The saying 'as blind as a bat' isn't fair to bats as they aren't actually blind; they just rely on their other senses more than they do their sight.
9. In what ways do the photographs and illustrations help you to understand the text?
Pupils' own responses, such as: The photographs and illustrations help me to understand the text as I wasn't sure what some of the mammals that were mentioned look like. It was hard to visualise them just from the description in the text itself.