



BUG-HUNTING BATS

PLAY BAT AND MOTH

GATHER A GROUP OF FRIENDS IN A CIRCLE

1. ONE PERSON IS A BAT (BLINDFOLDED). EVERYONE ELSE IS A MOTH.

2. THE BAT USES ECHOLOCATION TO CATCH MOTHS. WHEN THE BAT SAYS "BAT" THE MOTHS SAY "MOTH".

3. WHEN A MOTH IS TAGGED, THEY BECOME A TREE (FREEZE). FINAL MOTH BECOMES THE BAT NEXT ROUND.



BATS ARE IMPORTANT FOR INSECT CONTROL AND POLLINATION. A SINGLE BAT CAN EAT UP TO 8,000 INSECTS PER NIGHT. THEY HUNT WITH A TECHNIQUE CALLED *ECHOLOCATION*. BY SENDING OUT HIGH-PITCHED SOUND AND HEARING WHERE THE SOUND ECHOES OFF OF INSECTS, BATS CAN FIND THEIR PREY.

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