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# The Bat

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Early one morning, I saw a bat flying.  
It flew past me. I wanted to find out  
where it lived, so I ran after it.



The bat flew up and down. It was hard to see. I kept running.  
It went past a tree and over a bush. I ran past the tree and  
around the bush.

Then I could not see it. Where did it go? I looked up and  
down, over a bush and all around. I could not see it. It was  
gone.

Then I saw something. It moved fast. It was the bat. It flew into  
our shed. I ran to the shed and opened the door. Garden stuff  
was on the floor. Tools were on the wall. No bat.

I was going to leave the shed, but I heard something. I looked  
up. A family of bats hung from the roof. I closed the door  
quietly. I tiptoed away. I let the bat family sleep.

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- a. She hid from it.                      b. She ran away.  
c. She yelled for help.                d. She followed it.

2. What was on the floor of the shed?

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3. How did the storyteller feel when she saw the bat?
- a. scared                                      b. wondering  
c. angry                                        d. tired

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5. What did the storyteller do after she found the bat?

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## ANSWER KEY

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  - c. She yelled for help.
  - d. **She followed it.**

2. What was on the floor of the shed?

**Garden tools were on the floor of the shed.**

3. How did the storyteller feel when she saw the bat? **b**
- a. scared
  - b. **wondering**
  - c. angry
  - d. tired

4. Where did she find the bat?

**She found the bat hanging from the roof of the shed.**

5. What did the storyteller do after she found the bat?

**After she found the bat, she closed the shed door quietly and tiptoed away.**

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**Students should draw a picture of a baseball bat.**