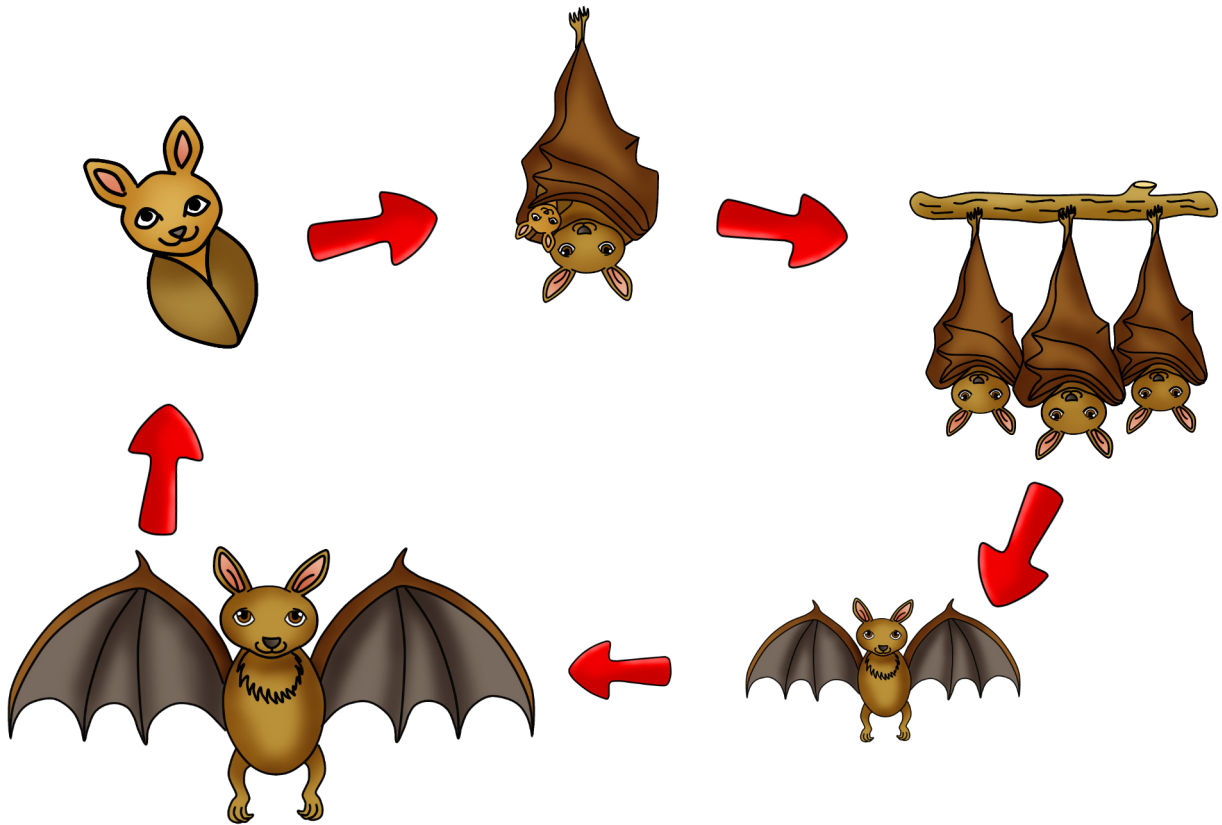


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# Life Cycle of a Bat

Read the paragraphs below, filling in the gaps with words chosen from the word bank on the next page.



Bats begin to wake up from their hibernation in March. They have to start hunting for \_ \_ \_ \_ and looking for nesting sites.

The female bats will form \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ away from the male bats. They usually give birth to just one baby bat which is called a \_ \_ \_ . Pups sleep curled up under their mother's wings.

Bats are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ so they give birth to live young and the pups drink \_ \_ \_ \_ . They are the only flying mammal.

Their wings are not feathered but are made from stretched  
\_ \_ \_ \_ .

Pups cannot fly when they are born. They only start to fly  
when they are around 2 to 3 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ old. Once they  
can fly they will start hunting for their own \_ \_ \_ \_ and  
stop drinking their mother's milk. Bats are only considered  
adults when they are around 1 year old.

In October the bats will start looking for nesting sites for  
their winter \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . All bats should be  
curled up asleep in November.

## Word Bank

food

colonies

skin

pup

mammals

hibernation

months

milk

food

