

EMPHASIZED STRUCTURES

Wh- Clauses as Objects and Adverbs

Wh- clauses used as object complements and adverbs are reinforced in this story. Examples of *wh-* clauses used in the story include the following:

- A bat usually eats small insects while it flies.
- These echoes help the bat know what an object is, where it is, and how fast it is moving.
- When a bat is not flying, it normally hangs upside down.
- When thousands of bats live in a cave, the bat droppings soon cover the floor.
- The mother bat helps the young bat learn how to hunt insects.

Participial Phrases as Adjectives

Participial phrases that appear after the nouns they modify were introduced in a previous story, "The World's Greatest Dribbler," and are reinforced in this story. Examples of participial phrases include the following:

- A bat flying at night does not depend on its eyes to see insects.
- Bats living in the United States go through a yearly cycle.
- She leaves her baby hanging on the cave roof or wall.

Verb Phrases in Passive Voice

Examples of verb phrases in the passive voice include the following:

- Bats are creatures that are often misunderstood.
- This grip is so strong that it may not be broken even if the bat dies.
- It cannot be found in the United States.
- Birds that are used by the vampire bat may lose so much blood that they die.
- Anyone who has been bitten by a bat with rabies must get a shot that will prevent the disease.

Gerunds and Gerund Phrases as Objects of Prepositions

Gerunds and gerund phrases used as objects of prepositions were introduced in a previous story, "The Witch in the Woods," and are reinforced in this story. Examples in the story include the following:

- A claw at the end of the thumb is used for hanging and crawling.
- After spending the day resting, grooming, and sleeping, they search for food at night.
- After hopping on its victim, the bat cuts the skin with its sharp front teeth.
- Echolocation prevents the bat from flying into other moving objects, trees, and buildings.
- Bats are very helpful in controlling insect pests.

Figurative Language and Idioms

Examples of idioms used in the story include the following:

- fired the imagination
 - carry disease
 - made up of
 - takes care of
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