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The Flying Fox

By Guy Belleranti

Do foxes fly? No, but a bat called the flying fox does! This bat gets its name from its pointy, foxlike face.

Flying foxes are the world's largest bats. With their wings open, some are

is called roosting.

At night, it's time to eat. They search for flower nectar and fruit. Their big eyes and great sense of smell help them do this.

Flying foxes fly from plant to plant as they eat. This helps the forest. The bat's fur picks up a dust called pollen from flowers. It carries the pollen to other flowers, pollinating them. This helps plants make seeds. The bats also spread fruit seeds through the forest as they eat and fly. The seeds grow into new plants.
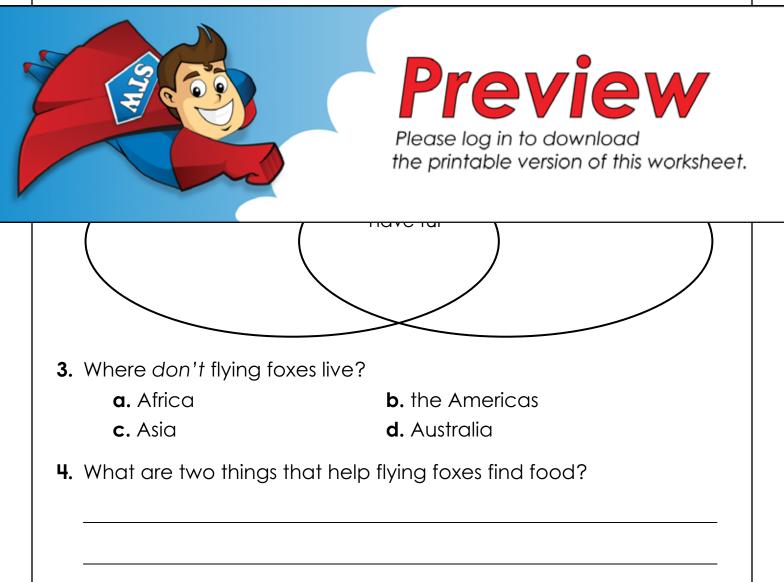
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1. How did flying foxes get their name?

    a. They are orange and red like foxes.

    b. They have bushy tails like foxes.

    c. Their faces look like fox faces.

Preview

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have fur

3. Where *don't* flying foxes live?

    a. Africa   **b.** the Americas

    c. Asia   **d.** Australia

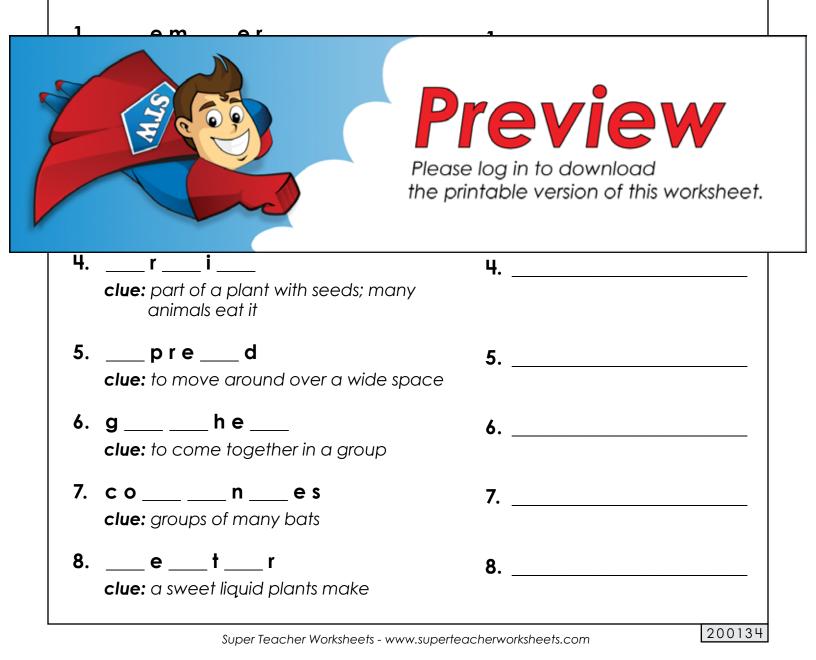**4.** What are two things that help flying foxes find food?

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Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.
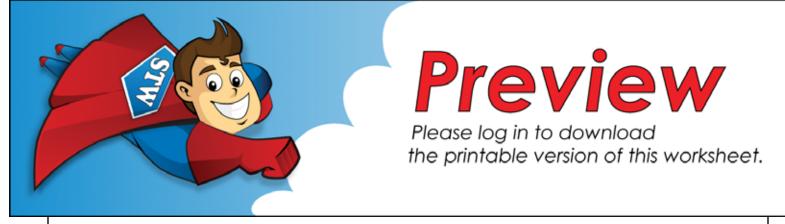
1. ___ e m ___ e r ___   1. _____

4. ___ r ___ i ___   4. _____

   clue: *part of a plant with seeds; many animals eat it*

5. ___ p r e ___ d   5. _____

   clue: *to move around over a wide space*

6. g ___ ___ h e ___   6. _____

   clue: *to come together in a group*

7. c o ___ ___ n ___ e s   7. _____

   clue: *groups of many bats*

8. ___ e ___ t ___ r   8. _____

   clue: *a sweet liquid plants make*

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In the article, "The Flying Fox," you learned that flying foxes eat fruit and nectar.

Flying foxes and plants help each other. Other than being food, what are two ways plants help flying foxes? What are

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Two things that help flying foxes find food are their big

eyes and great sense of smell.

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clue: groups of many bats

8. _ **n** _ e _ **c** _ t _ **a** _ r

8. _____ **nectar** _____

clue: a sweet liquid plants make