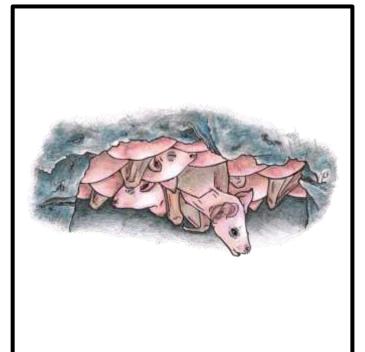




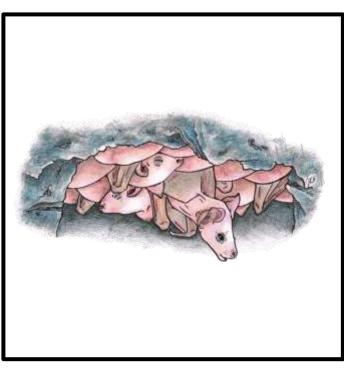




mother cradling pup



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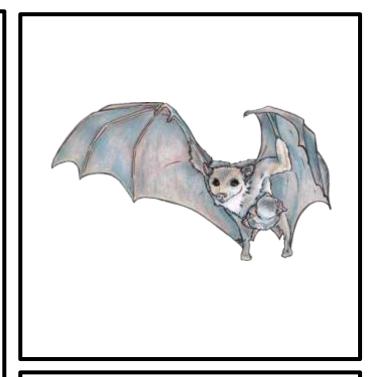


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pup flying holding mother



pup flying holding mother



pup flying independently



pup flying independently





adult

## pups

Baby bats are called pups. They are born alive after 50-60 days of gestation.

When the pup is born, the mother hangs up right. She catches the pup and cradles it with her wings.

When bats are upright, this is upside down for them.

### nursery

Bat pups stay in a nursery while the mother hunts. They hang from the ceiling of a cave.

At night, they sleep hanging onto their mother.

Pups drink milk from their mothers for the first six weeks of their lives.

# flying with mother

Baby bats use their teeth and claws to hold onto their mother as she flies.

# flying independently

Bats start to fly between 2-3 months old. They still fly with their mothers while practicing.

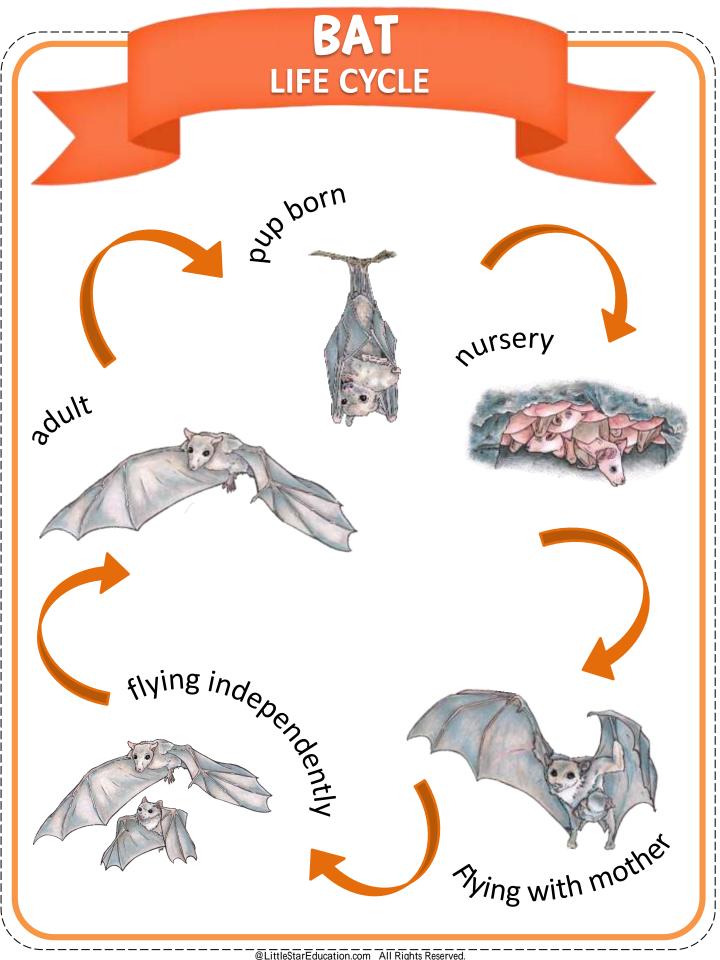
Pups practice flying low to the ground first.

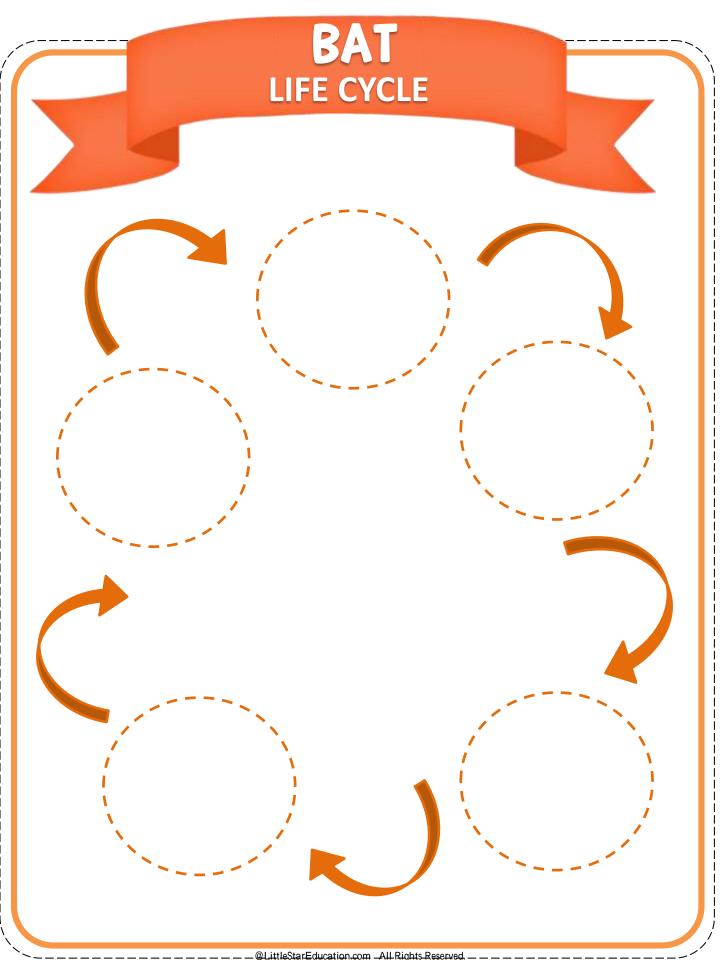
### adult

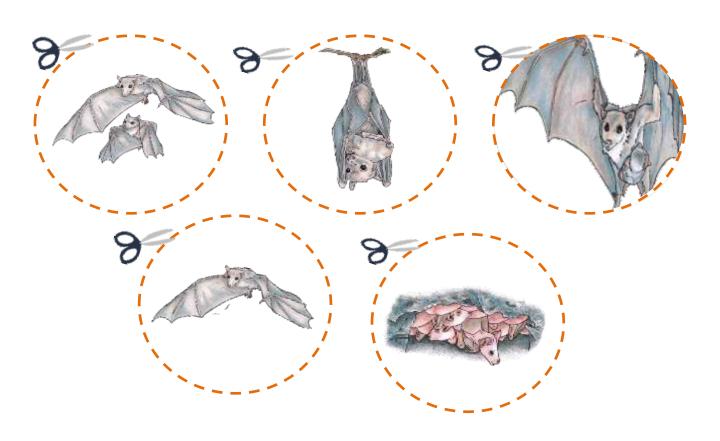
At one year old, a bat is an adult.

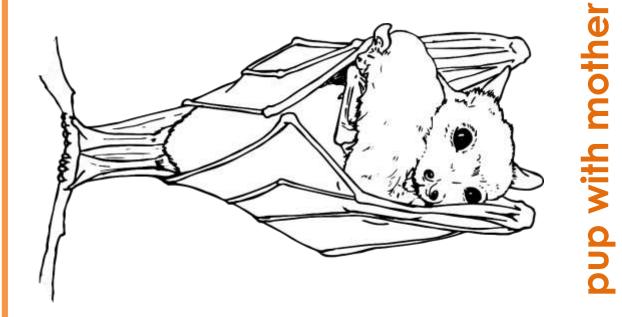
Bats are nocturnal. They sleep during the day, and are active at night.

They can live up to 30 years old.

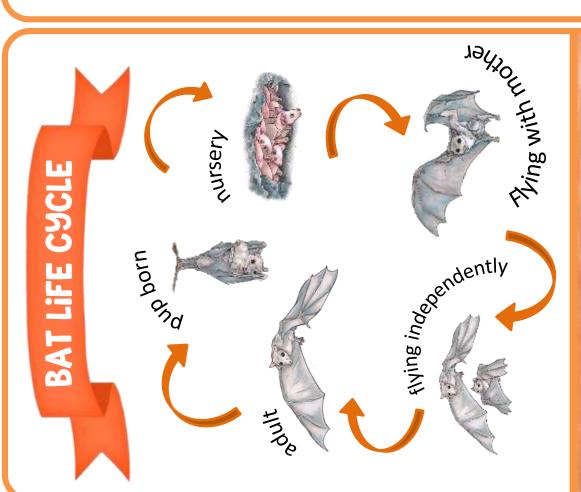




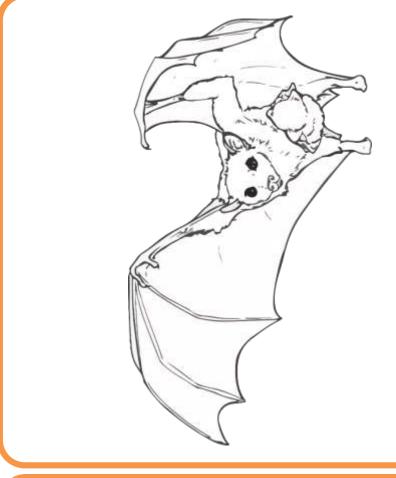








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# flying with mother



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# flying independently



adult

