

# Vivid Words

The writer of “Bats” uses words that create powerful, vivid images to persuade others that bats are valuable animals.

Without bats, night-flying insects would **rapidly** multiply.

Read the vivid words and their definitions in the word box below.

<b>colony</b>	a group of like animals living together
<b>consume</b>	to eat or drink up
<b>rapidly</b>	quickly
<b>disperse</b>	to move or scatter
<b>survival</b>	the act of staying alive
<b>vandal</b>	a person who deliberately destroys or damages property
<b>hibernating</b>	spending the winter sleeping
<b>rarely</b>	not very often

Write a word from the word box that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Animals that hunt at night are \_\_\_\_\_ seen in the daytime.
2. A flock of birds will \_\_\_\_\_ when they are startled.
3. For cheetahs, hunting regularly is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A blue whale can \_\_\_\_\_ four tons of food each day.
5. Thousands of ants live together in a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A bear’s body temperature drops when it is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Rabbits can run very \_\_\_\_\_.
8. It is hard to understand why a \_\_\_\_\_ tore down the fence.

## Challenge

In a dictionary, look up the meanings of *vandalism*, *vandalize* and *consumer*, *consumption*. On a separate sheet of paper, write the word from the word box that is related to each pair of challenge words. Then explain how the challenge words in each pair are related to the word from the word box.