

# IN BRIEF

**The Bat Goddess** is a story about a princess who goes to a distant land – where she makes some interesting new friends! Her legend inspired this pack, which features bat facts and fun Halloween activities...



## 1. LITERACY LESSON IDEAS

- Don't let unfamiliar words stop you from enjoying a story in this month's issue of **Storytime**. Just look them up in our handy **Glossary**!
- Leutogi felt homesick when she had to leave Samoa. This month's **Class Discussion Sheet** has questions about what she went through – and asks what it feels like when *you* are homesick!
- The **Reading Comprehension Sheet** asks you to find words that relate to distance, work out what *starry* means, and spot a powerful kind of word called an *intensifier*!
- A storyteller is trying to tell Leutogi's legend – but the plot is all out of order! Can you help by numbering the sections of the tale on the **Story Sequencing Sheet** so that it all makes sense?
- Tell the tale of the bat princess on the **Storyboard** page by writing down what happened under the colourful pictures!
- An exciting story has lots of stages that the main character has to go through before the tale comes to a satisfying ending. Use the **Mapping Out Leutogi's Story** page to work out what the major events were in this month's Samoan legend!
- Have you ever gone away on holiday and missed your family and friends? Imagine that you are writing a letter to a friend or family member about the experience on the **Wish You Were Here!** sheet. If you can't think of a time when you were homesick, you could *imagine* being away and write a letter about that instead...

## 1. LITERACY LESSON IDEAS CONTINUED

- What was it that made Leutogi cool – and why did the bats like her so much? Answer the questions (and draw one of her bat friends!) on the **Character Sheet: Leutogi** page.
- To celebrate Halloween, we have created a set of **Halloween Character Cards** that feature some spooky trick-or-treaters. Use these cards to create an adventure for them! Draw one of the cards at random – that will be the main character. Start telling a story about them, and draw another card whenever it feels like the right time for another character to turn up. Use your imagination, and soon you should have a fun Halloween story of your own!

## 2. HISTORY LESSON IDEA

- Halloween has a long and interesting history that is full of surprises! See if you can work out which facts about this holiday are true on the **Halloween True or False?** sheet. When you have answered the questions, check your answers at the bottom of the page.

## 3. SCIENCE LESSON IDEA

- Some people think that bats are scary – but they are actually wonderful creatures! Read the ten fascinating facts on the **Brilliant Bats!** sheet and we're sure you will agree! Also, find a new fact about bats and write it in the space provided...

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## 4. MATHS LESSON IDEA

- Learn about shapes – and then get creative by turning them into bats! First, answer the questions on the **Name These Shapes!** page. Then, print or trace around and cut out the shapes on the **Bat Bodies!** page. Finally, print out or trace the faces, wings and ears on the **Build-A-Bat Kit!** sheet. You can turn your shapes into bats by sticking the body parts onto them and colouring the creatures in. Why not use your bats as decorations for a Halloween party?

## 5. ART LESSON IDEAS

- Would you like to act out Leutogi's story? Then print and cut out the **Leutogi Mask**. Poke holes through the circle on each side of the mask so you can attach a piece of elastic that will hold the mask on your head.
- Invite your friends to a pre-trick-or-treating party! Print out the invitation on the **Halloween Party Invitation** page, fill in the details of the party and the person you want to invite. Then, colour it in and add Halloween pictures!

## 6. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- It can be a little bit daunting to move to a new home or school. It's only natural to feel a bit nervous in this situation! However, there are some things you can do to feel better.

You might like to **create a mood board** with pictures of people and things that comfort you. It could be images of flowers, pets, toys, favourite foods, friends and family members. You can print out any pictures that make you feel better and create a collage with them on a piece of cardboard. It should make you feel comforted when you look at your favourite places and things!

Also, why not ask a parent, a caregiver or an older sibling to spend time with you looking through **old photos or videos from holidays or adventures** you went on? Talk about what you feel when you look at them and ask them to share stories that you might not remember.

# STORYTIME GLOSSARY

Look up any new words in this handy reference section!

## The Cats' Elopement (Page 6)

- ▷ **Faithful** – loyal
- ▷ **Beloved** – loved
- ▷ **Ventured** – went
- ▷ **Bustling** – busy
- ▷ **Raked** – smoothed with a rake
- ▷ **Hissed** – made a noise like 'hiss'
- ▷ **Commotion** – noise and activity
- ▷ **Kimono** – traditional Japanese robe
- ▷ **Pampered** – spoiled
- ▷ **Prowl** – walk silently
- ▷ **Matted** – tangled

## Leander and the Red Cap (Page 10)

- ▷ **Troublemaker** – person who makes trouble
- ▷ **Pranks** – tricks
- ▷ **Stallion** – male horse
- ▷ **Poisonous** – having poison
- ▷ **Slithered** – slid
- ▷ **Dungeon** – prison in a castle
- ▷ **Barred** – with bars over it
- ▷ **Grant** – give
- ▷ **Glided** – moved smoothly
- ▷ **Kidnap** – grab
- ▷ **Marzipan** – sweet made with almonds
- ▷ **Rescued** – saved from danger
- ▷ **Fleet** – group of ships
- ▷ **Wickedly** – in an evil way
- ▷ **Towering** – very tall

## The Bat Goddess (Page 16)

- ▷ **Fertile** – good for growing things in
- ▷ **Befriending** – making friends with
- ▷ **Prosperity** – wealth
- ▷ **Double-hulled** – with two hulls
- ▷ **Bossy** – liking to give orders
- ▷ **Disgusted** – feeling strong disapproval
- ▷ **Sharply** – in an angry way
- ▷ **Leaky** – not able to keep rain out
- ▷ **Suspicious** – not trusting
- ▷ **Witchcraft** – doing magical things
- ▷ **Uninhabited** – with no one living there
- ▷ **Navigate** – find her way
- ▷ **Worshipped** – prayed to

## Bedtime for Gulliver (Page 20)

- ▷ **Average** – normal
- ▷ **Marbles** – small glass balls used in games
- ▷ **Plough** – break up the soil
- ▷ **Seams** – place where pieces of cloth are joined together
- ▷ **Floppy** – hanging loosely
- ▷ **Lungfuls** – amounts of air held in lungs
- ▷ **Contentment** – calm happiness
- ▷ **Tiptoed** – walked quietly on their toes

## Night Bear Strikes Again! (Page 22)

- ▷ **Persuaded** – convinced
- ▷ **Crawled** – moved on her hands and knees
- ▷ **Peck** – little kiss
- ▷ **Threadbare** – partly worn away

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# STORYTIME GLOSSARY

- ▷ **Pulsing** – going brighter and dimmer
- ▷ **Defender** – protector
- ▷ **Sidekick** – assistant
- ▷ **Whooped** – yelled in excitement
- ▷ **Stalactites** – spikes hanging from ceiling of cave
- ▷ **Twinge** – sudden strong feeling
- ▷ **Outfit** – set of clothes
- ▷ **Legends** – fantastic stories
- ▷ **Parlour** – shop
- ▷ **Clambering** – climbing
- ▷ **Lumbered** – moved heavily
- ▷ **High-pitched** – sharp-sounding
- ▷ **Jeered** – said in a nasty, joking way
- ▷ **Wreckage** – remains of destroyed things
- ▷ **Slumped** – flopped over

## The Midnight Cake Thief (Page 30)

- ▷ **Indigestion** – an uncomfortable feeling in his stomach
- ▷ **Steaming** – so hot that steam came off them
- ▷ **Dreadful** – very bad
- ▷ **Ravenous** – extremely hungry
- ▷ **Rudely** – in an impolite way
- ▷ **Storming** – moving angrily
- ▷ **Leaped** – jumped
- ▷ **Snapped** – said in an angry way
- ▷ **Unfortunate** – unlucky

## The Unexpected Heroine (Page 34)

- ▷ **Conflict** – war
- ▷ **Crops** – plants grown for food
- ▷ **Rusty** – with rust on it
- ▷ **Spat** – blew saliva out of his mouth
- ▷ **Peasant** – common farmer
- ▷ **Welling up** – coming up
- ▷ **Dragged on** – went on for a long time
- ▷ **Unburned** – not burned
- ▷ **Conquer** – take control by force
- ▷ **Nonsense** – foolishness
- ▷ **Defenceless** – not able to protect themselves
- ▷ **Ravaged** – damaged
- ▷ **Invincible** – unbeatable
- ▷ **Ceremony** – special event
- ▷ **Captured** – taken as a prisoner

## The Willow Wren and the Bear (Page 40)

- ▷ **Strolled** – walked in a relaxed way
- ▷ **Cocked** – tilted
- ▷ **Humble** – not impressive
- ▷ **Urchins** – poor children
- ▷ **Lumbered** – walked heavily
- ▷ **Lair** – home of an animal
- ▷ **Insulted** – were rude to
- ▷ **Fiercer** – more dangerous
- ▷ **Boasted** – said in a show-offy way
- ▷ **Outsmart** – trick
- ▷ **Neighed** – made a horse-like sound
- ▷ **Bellowing** – making deep roaring sounds
- ▷ **Triumphed** – won
- ▷ **Mind his manners** – be polite

# CLASS DISCUSSION SHEET

**LET'S TALK ABOUT...** **feeling homesick!** Homesickness is the feeling of emotional distress you get when you're away from home and in a new and unfamiliar environment. To understand this emotion, let's talk about Leutogi and how she felt when she had to leave Samoa!

1. Can you think of two reasons that Leutogi felt unhappy about having to leave Samoa? What are they?  

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2. When she arrives in Tonga, what does Leutogi do to try and think positively about living in this new place?  

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3. Can you think of one positive and one negative thing that happened to Leutogi when she was living in Tonga?  

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4. Can you think of another way in which Leutogi could have coped with homesickness and loneliness?

## WHAT MAKES A PLACE FEEL LIKE HOME?

What makes a place feel like 'home' to you? It could be certain objects, people, sounds, or even smells!

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**Answers:** 1. Leutogi felt unhappy because she had to leave her beloved home, and because she had to go and live in a place she did not know. 2. She tries to think positively by telling herself that it looks nice and that she could enjoy living there. 3. Possible negative things include: being disliked by the chief's wives, being forced to live in a hut and work as a servant, and being exiled for witchcraft. Positive things include making friends with the bats! 4. She might have sent letters or messages to her family!

# READING COMPREHENSION SHEET

See if you can spot the intensifier and the distance-related words in this exciting extract – and work out what ‘starry’ means!

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The king’s warriors took Levtogi to a distant island far from anywhere, and even further from her beloved Samoa. They left her there, alone.

That night, her bat friends flew over the waves to visit her. There were hundreds of the little creatures flapping through the starry sky! She had been a good friend to the bats, and they wanted to give her a very special gift.

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1. There are three words that relate to distance in the first sentence of the extract. What are they?  
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2. What do you think the word ‘starry’ means? What other word does it remind you of?  
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3. In the last sentence is an *intensifier* – this is a word that gives more ‘force’ to the word that follows it. Can you work out which word it is?

**INTENSE SENTENCES!**  
Can you choose a word to complete these sentences? All of them have intensifiers!

The rhino was extremely \_\_\_\_\_.

The bug was amazingly \_\_\_\_\_.

The thunder was very \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. Distant, far and further. 2. It means 'filled with stars', and it should make you think of the word star! 3. Very.

# STORY SEQUENCING SHEET

Leutogi's legend has been all mixed up! Show which order these events should be read in by numbering them from 1-11!

When Leutogi arrived in Tonga, she discovered that the king was a bossy man, and his wives did not like her because she was Samoan.

One of the king's wives found out about the bat, though, and said that Leutogi had to hand him over. The princess set him free instead!

The king of Tonga agreed to end the war – if Leutogi would come to Tonga and live in his court.

As punishment, Leutogi was forced to live in a leaky hut and help clean the palace.

When the king found out about Leutogi hanging around with bats, he accused her of witchcraft and had her banished to a distant island.

One day, the king of Tonga declared war on Samoa. After many battles, the king of Samoa asked for peace.

While walking in the forest, Leutogi found an injured bat. She secretly fed him and cared for him in her room.

At night, though, she would go to the beach. There, the bat she had saved and all his bat friends would fly around her.

Leutogi did not want to leave her home, but she finally agreed to go to Tonga so the war would end.

But on the island, the bats came to Leutogi and transformed her into a bat goddess. With her new wings, she flew back to Samoa!

Leutogi was a princess who lived in Samoa. She loved walking in the forest and making friends with the animals.

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# STORYBOARD

Tell your own version of Leutogi's tale by writing in the things that happened to her underneath these illustrations!



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

# MAPPING OUT LEUTOGI'S JOURNEY

An exciting story often goes through the steps shown on the chart below. Can you write in what happened to Leutogi at each of these stages and see if they help you to understand the story through problem solving?



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# CHARACTER SHEET: LEUTOGI



We're sure you will agree that the heroine of this month's legend is an exceptional girl – but what do *you* think made her special?

Which three adjectives would you use to describe Leutogi?

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What do you think she liked about her little bat friends?

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Why do you think the bats chose Leutogi as their goddess?

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What bat-like powers do you think Leutogi had?

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Draw a picture of a bat and colour it in the most magical way possible!



How do you think Leutogi would have used her powers to protect Samoa?

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# HALLOWEEN CHARACTER CARDS

These trick-or-treaters might look scary – but they’re actually very nice when you get to know them! Use these character cards to come up with a fun Halloween tale...

SARAH the skeleton



WILHELMINA the witch



GEORGE the Ghost



JACK O'LANTERN



BERTIE the Bat



STAN the Frankenstein



# HALLOWEEN TRUE OR FALSE?

Halloween is definitely the scariest (and most fun!) holiday of the year! But can you work out which of these facts are true and which are false?

<p><b>1. The word 'Halloween' comes from the holiday's old name, which was 'All Hallow's Eve'.</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>	<p><b>2. Vampire costumes are the most popular Halloween outfits for kids!</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>	<p><b>3. The origins of Halloween go back more than 2000 years!</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>
<p><b>4. In the Middle Ages, people used to go door to door in costumes like trick-or-treaters!</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>	<p><b>5. Jack O'Lanterns used to be carved out of watermelons!</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>	<p><b>6. German immigrants brought the Halloween holiday to the United States!</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>
<p><b>7. At Halloween, some Irish families leave a meal out for their ancestors who have passed away.</b></p> <p>TRUE FALSE</p>		<p>TRUE FALSE</p>



Answers: 1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. TRUE 4. TRUE 5. FALSE 6. FALSE 7. TRUE  
 The ancient Celtic peoples used to hold a festival called Samhain, which marked the beginning of winter. 4. TRUE They would ask for special 'soul cakes' and offer to pray for your friends and relatives. 5. FALSE Watermelons are a summer fruit. People DID carve Jack O'Lanterns out of turnips, though! 6. FALSE It was Irish immigrants who brought Halloween traditions to the USA. 7. TRUE This was a tradition on All Hallow's Eve in Ireland.

## THE GREAT PUMPKIN INVESTIGATION!

It's fun carving a Jack O'Lantern out of a pumpkin – but why not do some scientific investigations at the same time? See if you can answer the questions below.

Describe your pumpkin: \_\_\_\_\_

How wide is it? \_\_\_\_\_ How tall is it? \_\_\_\_\_

How many 'ribs' does it have? \_\_\_\_\_ How long are its seeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Which words would you use to describe the pulp inside? \_\_\_\_\_

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# BRILLIANT BATS!

Leutogi thinks that bats are amazing – and so will you, after you discover these truly fascinating facts!

## THEY'RE FAST!

Some bats can fly at more than 160 kilometres per hour. WOW!

## THEY'RE HUNGRY!

Flying takes a lot of energy, and bats can eat their own weight in insects every night.

## THEY HUNT WITH THEIR EARS!

Bats let out lots of high-pitched clicks, and find out where their prey is by listening to the echoes!

## THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM!

There are more than 1400 species of bat.

## THEY'RE (ALMOST) EVERYWHERE!

Bats can be found living on every continent (except Antarctica) and on many islands as well.

## THEY LIKE HANGING OUT!

Bats often live in caves – they snooze while hanging from the ceiling!

## THEIR POO IS PRECIOUS!

Bat dung (called guano) is great for helping plants grow!

## THEY LIKE CHILLING!

Some species hibernate in winter – and can even survive being encased in ice!

## THEY'RE UNIQUE!

Bats are the only mammals that can fly – though some others can glide!

## THEY HAVE PUPS!

Yes, that's what baby bats are called....

I THINK BATS ARE COOL BECAUSE... \_\_\_\_\_

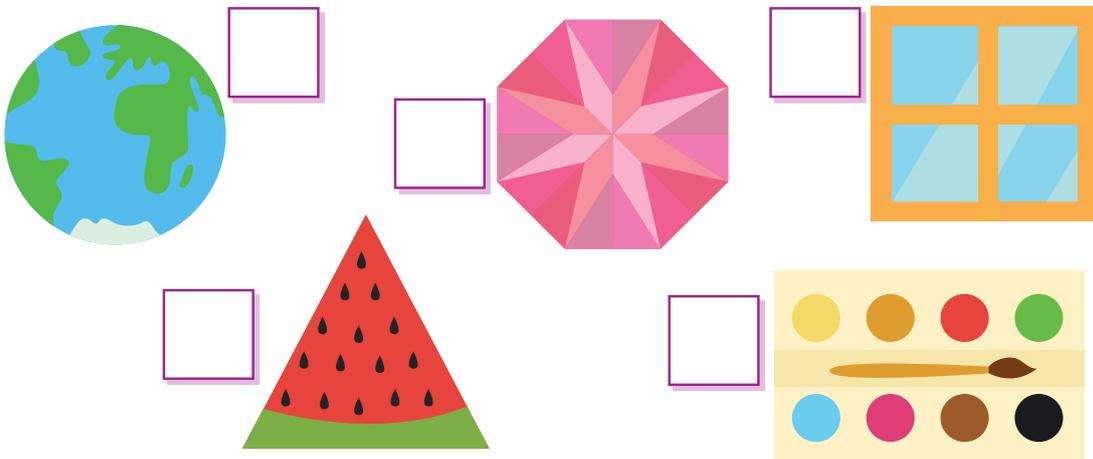
# NAME THESE SHAPES!

It's important to know about shapes and how to recognise them. Remember, we can find shapes all around us! See if you can answer the questions on this sheet – and then follow the instructions on the next two pages to create some cool multi-shaped bats!

1. I have four equal sides! I am a \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I am perfectly round! I am a \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. I have only three sides! I am a \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I have four sides, but two are longer than the others!  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. I have eight sides! I am an \_\_\_\_\_ .

## THE SHAPE OF THINGS!

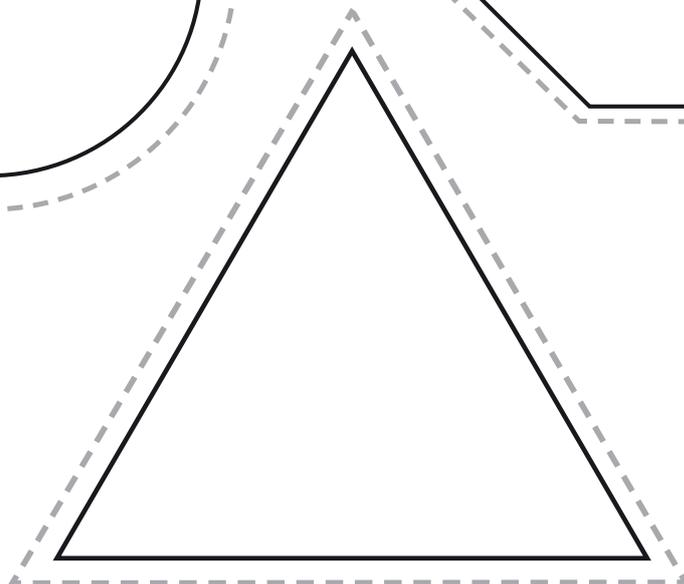
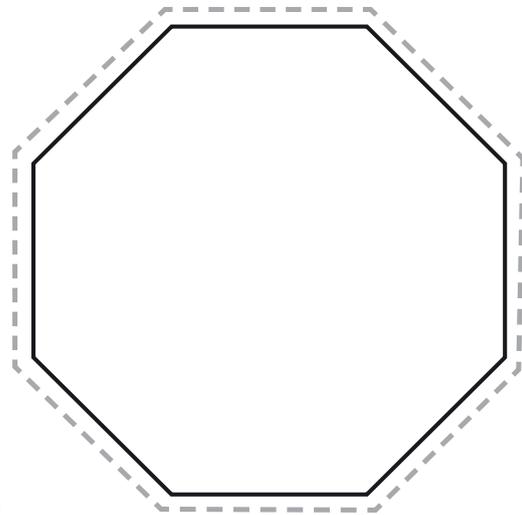
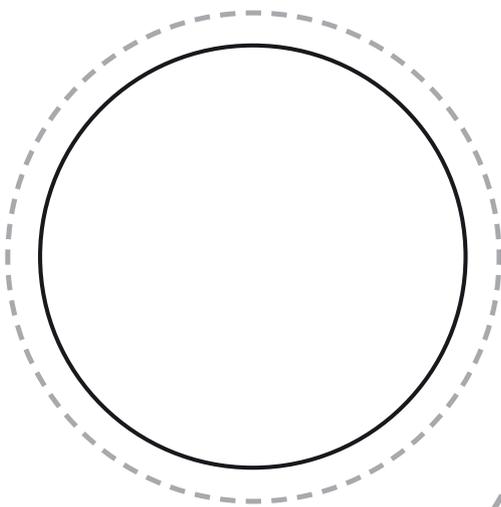
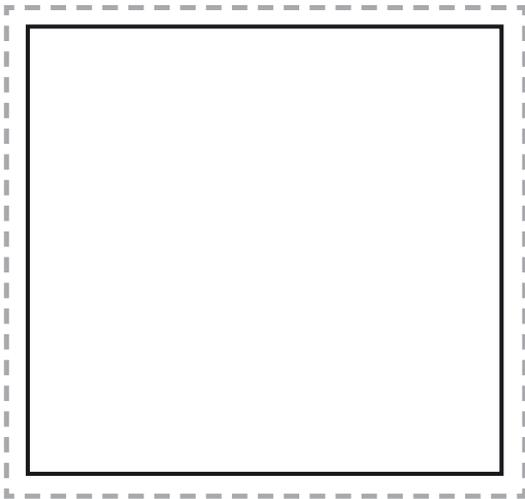
Once you have worked out what each shape is called, number the objects below to match the descriptions above!



Answers: 1, square; 2, circle; 3, triangle; 4, rectangle; 5, octagon. The Shape of Things! globe = 2, tile = 5, window = 1, watermelon = 3, paint box = 4.

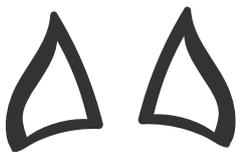
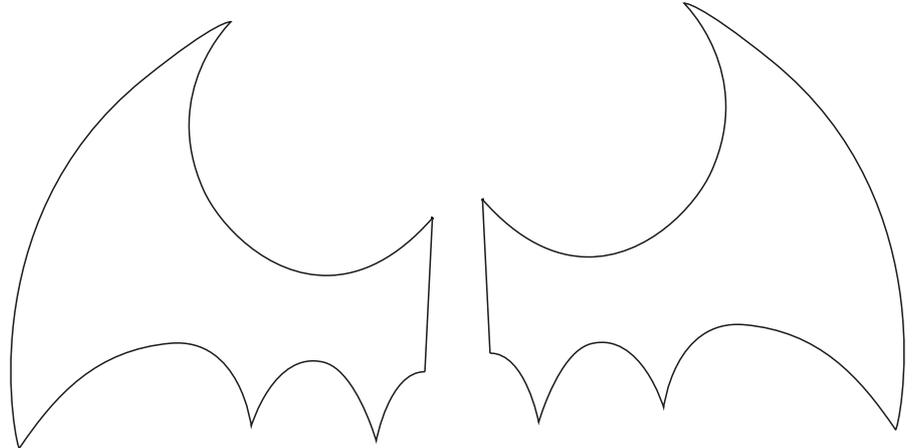
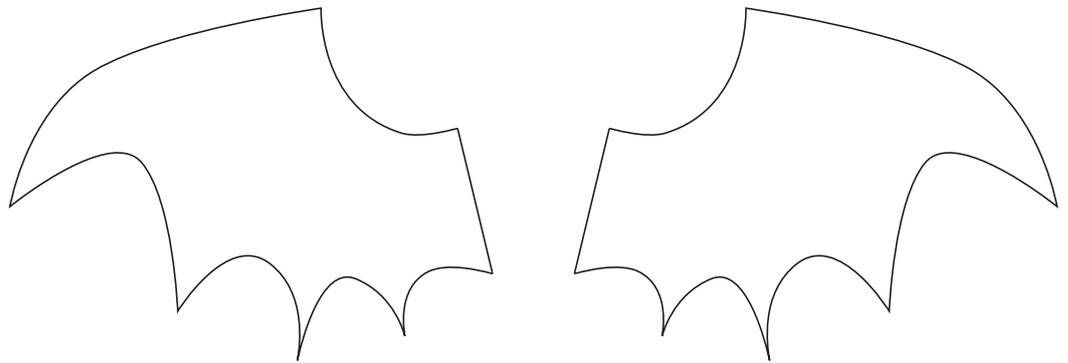
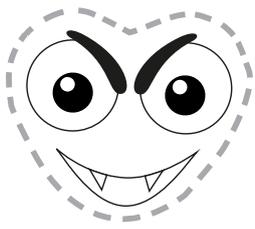
# BAT BODIES!

Print or trace these shapes and cut them out! Then colour them black – you will turn them into awesome bats by sticking on the wings, ears and faces you will find on the next page...

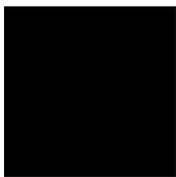


## BUILD-A-BAT KIT!

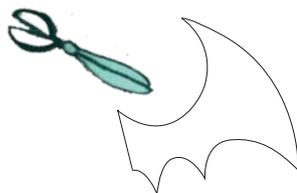
Print or trace the faces, wings and ears on this page, cut them out and colour them in! Then, use a glue stick to attach them to the shapes you cut out on the previous page.



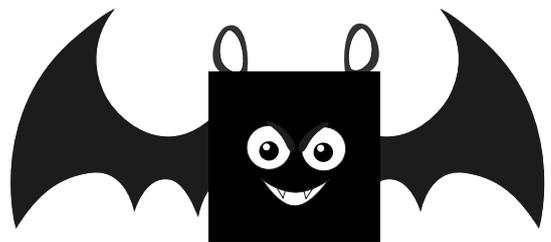
## HOW TO MAKE YOUR BAT!



Choose a shape for your bat's body.



Choose and cut out your bat's wings, face and ears.



Stick the parts to your shape to create a fun bat that you can use to decorate your Halloween party! Mix and match parts to make your one unique!

# LEUTOGI MASK



# HALLOWEEN PARTY INVITATION

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Halloween*

*Party*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

DRESS CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring treats, not tricks!

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