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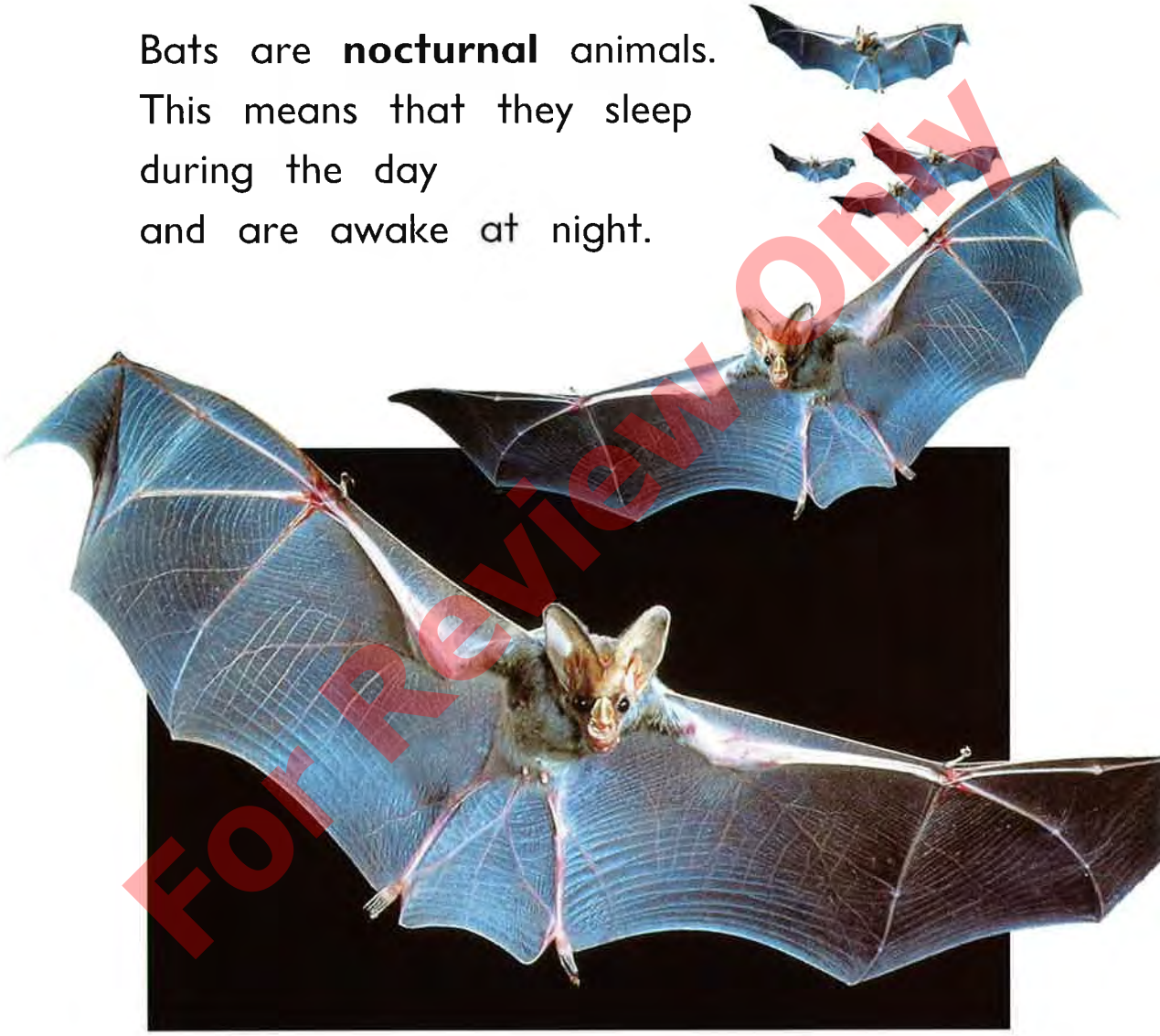
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What are bats?

Bats are **nocturnal** animals. This means that they sleep during the day and are awake at night.



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What bats look like

Bats are the only mammals that can fly.

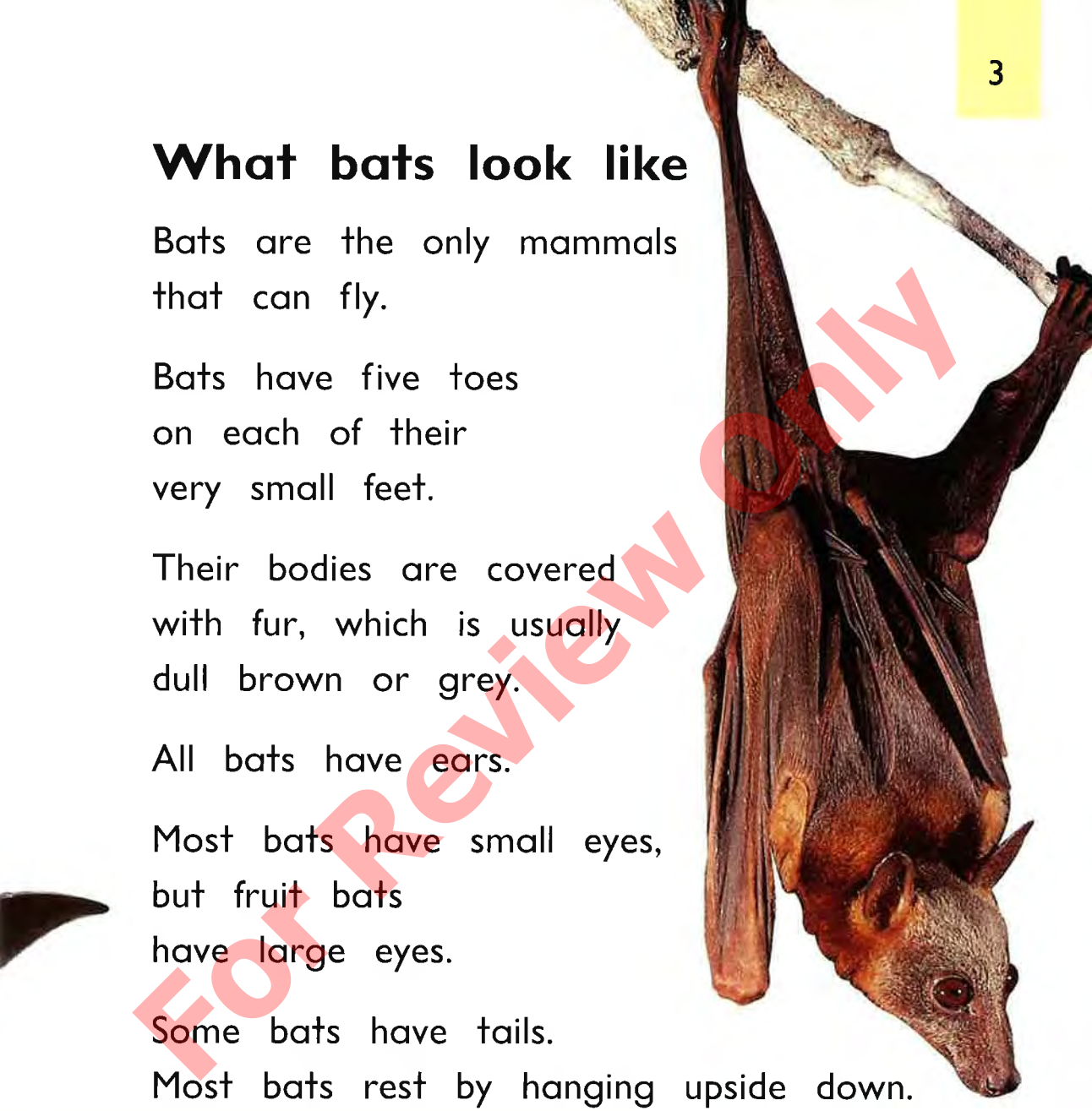
Bats have five toes on each of their very small feet.

Their bodies are covered with fur, which is usually dull brown or grey.

All bats have ears.

Most bats have small eyes, but fruit bats have large eyes.

Some bats have tails.
Most bats rest by hanging upside down.



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What does nocturnal mean?

Bats' wings

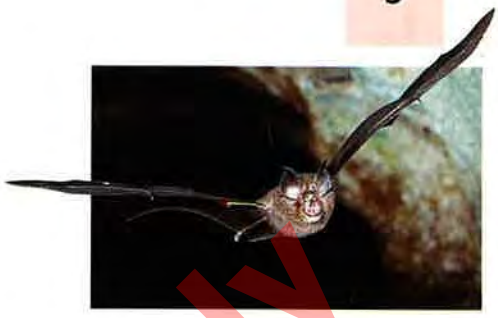
The wings of bats
look like hands with long fingers.
Thin, soft, stretchy skin
joins their long fingers together.
This skin also joins the fingers
to the bats' back legs and tails.



Nocturnal means being awake at night and asleep during the day.

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When a bat stretches out its legs and fingers, the skin makes wings, and the bat can fly.



When their wings are folded up, some bats can also scurry around on the ground.





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Can some bats move around on the ground?

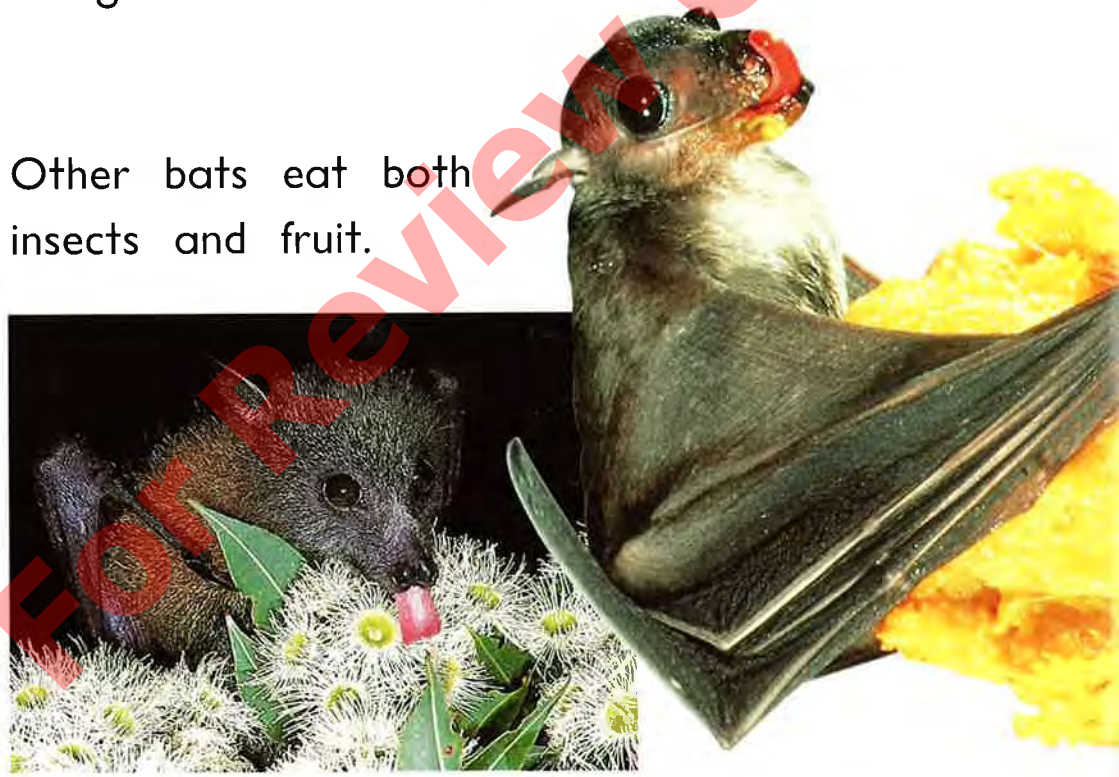
Different bats eat different things

Some bats only eat insects.



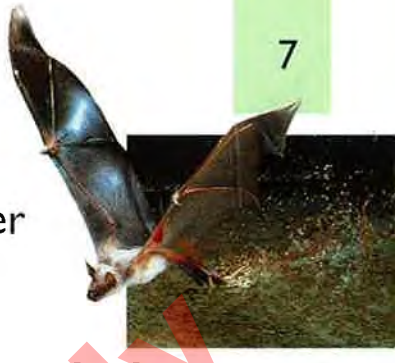
Fruit bats eat fruit and drink the nectar of flowers. Their favourite fruits are mangoes and bananas.

Other bats eat both insects and fruit.



Yes. Some bats can move around on the ground when their wings are folded up.

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Another type of bat eats fish. It grabs them out of the water with its large curved claws.

Bloodsucking bats, called **vampire bats**, only drink animal blood. Vampire bats have very sharp teeth that they use to bite their victims. Then they lick up the blood with their tongues.



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What do vampire bats feed on?