

MOTHS AND BATS



It was a hot summer night. Francis couldn't sleep. "I want to sleep," he told his mother. "I just can't! It's so hot!"

His mother understood. "Come out onto the porch with us," she said. Francis sat on the porch with his mother and father. "You just need to relax," she said. "Relax, and then you will fall right to sleep."

Francis watched his parents. The two of them sat on a bench. They talked quietly. Their quiet voices sounded nice.

He sat on a chair. He watched moths fly around the porch light. Lights always draw moths and other bugs at night. It looked as if they were having a big party. The idea of a moth party made him smile.

Francis made a high-pitched squeak. He made another one. "What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"I am trying to call a bat," he said. "These moths would be a good dinner for a bat."

"Bats don't like the light," his mother said. "Are you relaxed yet?" she asked.

Francis said he was. He said goodnight to his parents. "Time for me to go to bed," he said. His room wasn't hot anymore. He fell right to sleep. He had a dream about bats. It was a good dream.



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Answer the questions about *MOTHS AND BATS*

1. Why can't Francis sleep?
 - a. He is scared of moths.
 - b. He is scared of bats.
 - c. It is too hot.
 - d. All of the above.

2. What do his parents do to help him sleep?
 - a. They yell at him.
 - b. They give him warm milk.
 - c. They read him a story.
 - d. They relax with him on the porch.

3. Why does Francis squeak?
 - a. He is sleepy.
 - b. He thinks he is a bat.
 - c. He is a mouse.
 - d. He wants bats to come eat the moths.

4. Why don't any bats come when Francis squeaks?
 - a. Bats are afraid of people.
 - b. Bats don't like the light.
 - c. The bats are all asleep.
 - d. All of the above.

5. Do you like bats? Why or why not?

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1. c
2. d
3. d
4. b
5. Answers will vary.