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Answers

All bats in BC eat insects. Some of them also eat spiders, centipedes and even scorpions! The PALLID BAT lives in dry hot regions and is not affected by scorpion venom!

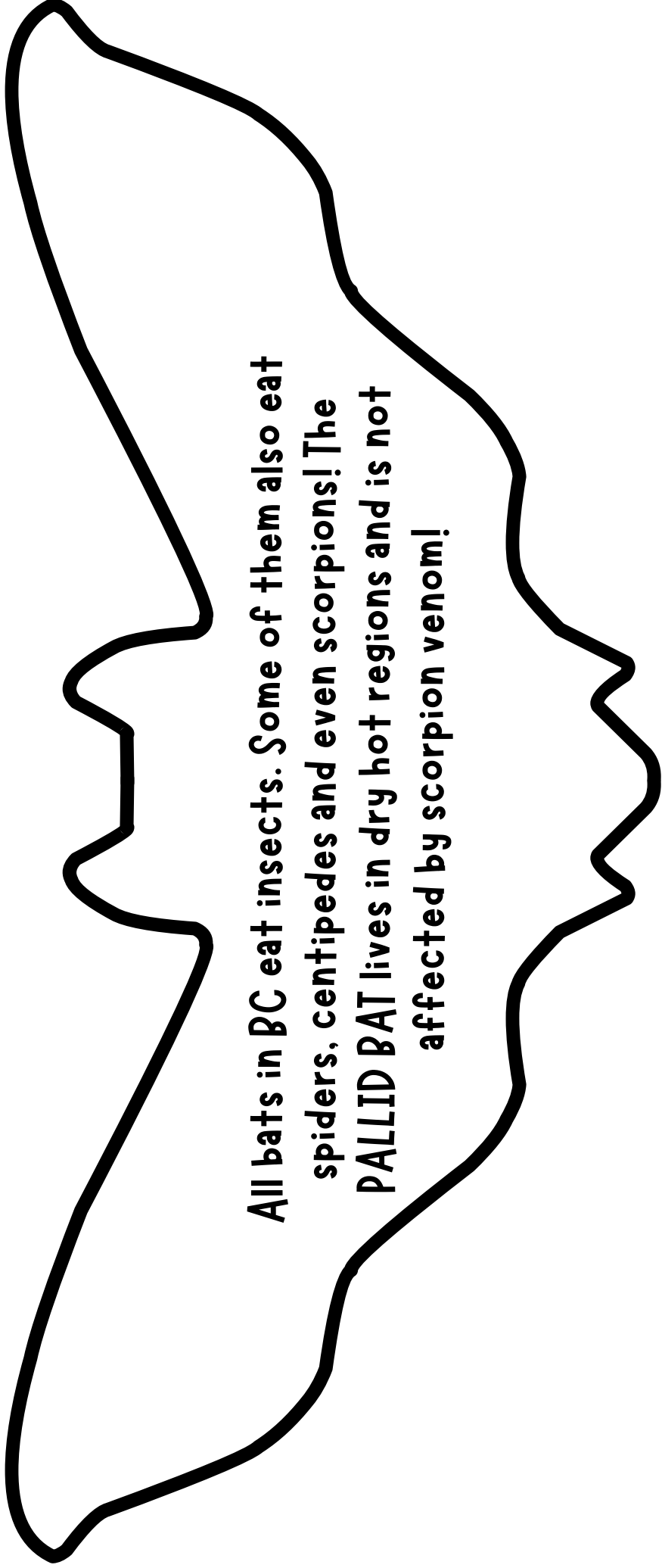
Bats live on every continent except Antarctica. There are around 1,500 species of bats worldwide! In BC there are 15 bat species.

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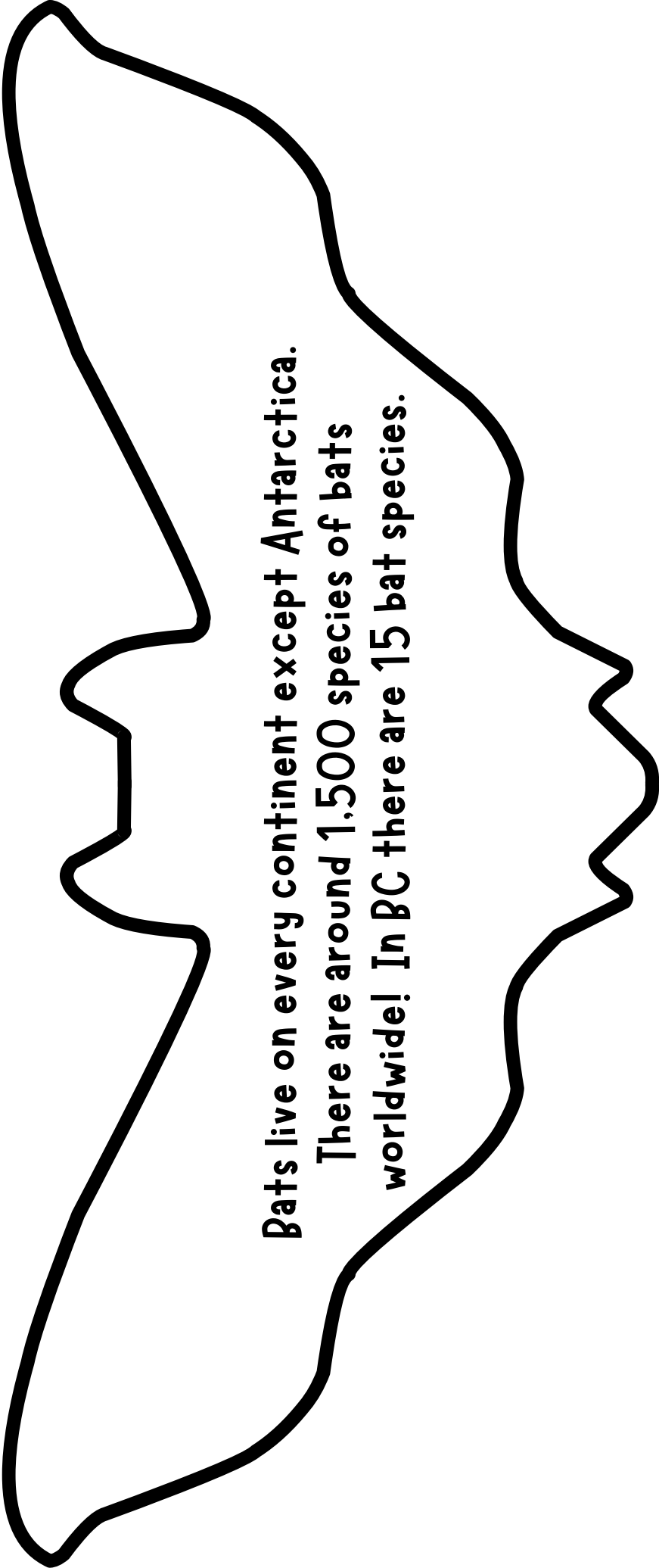
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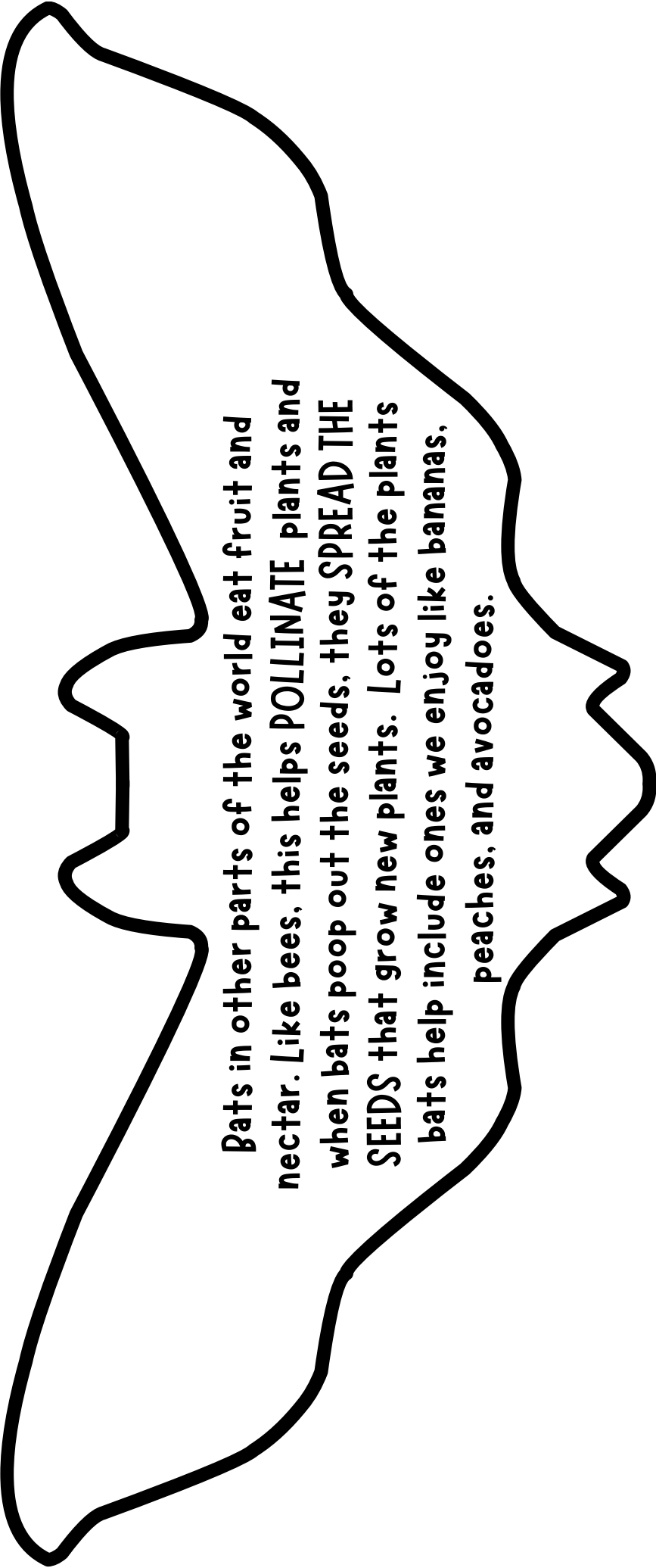
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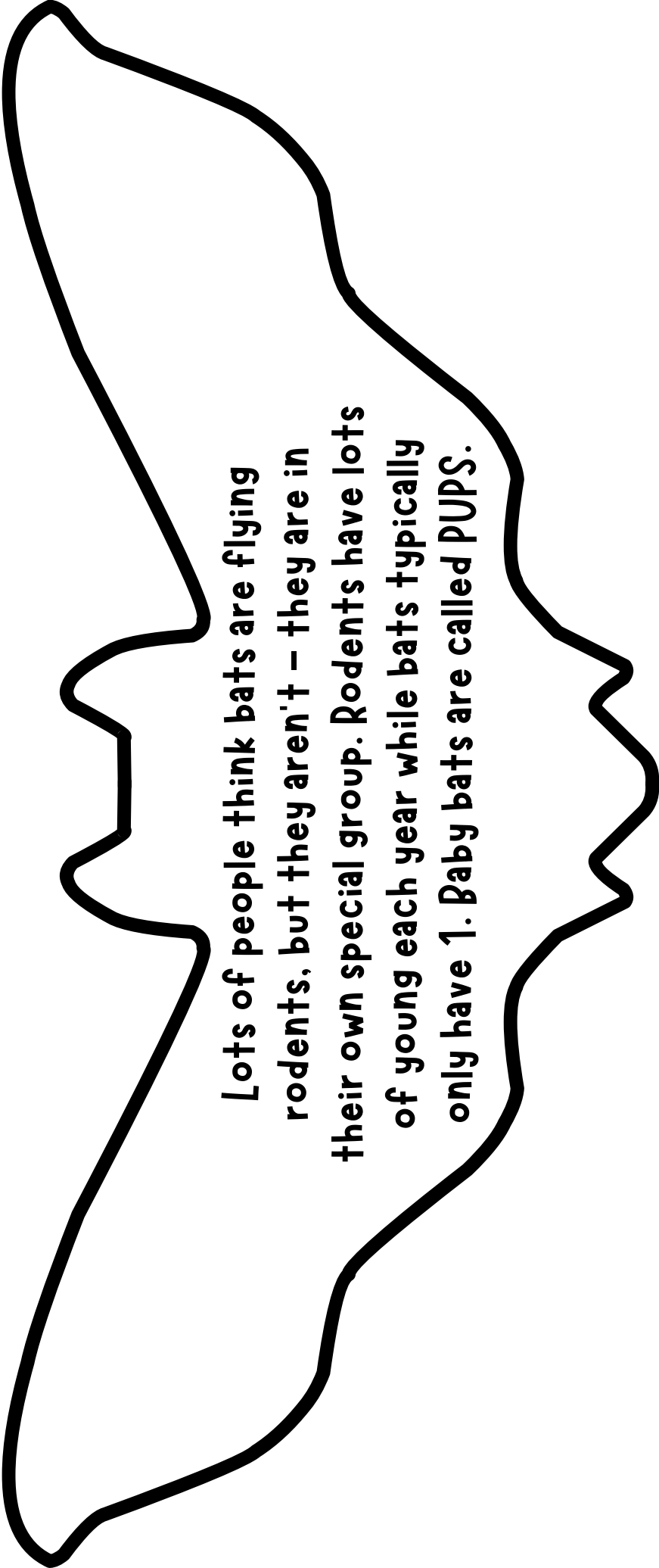
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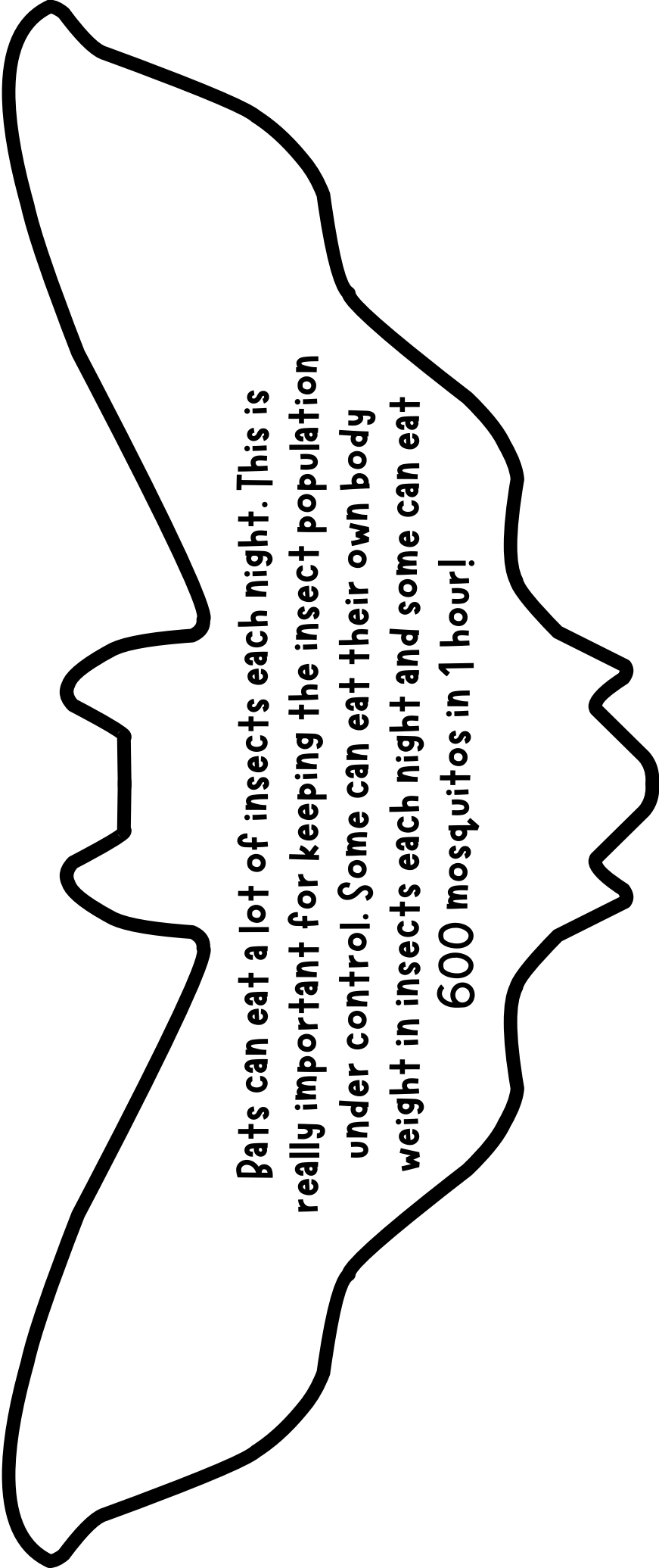
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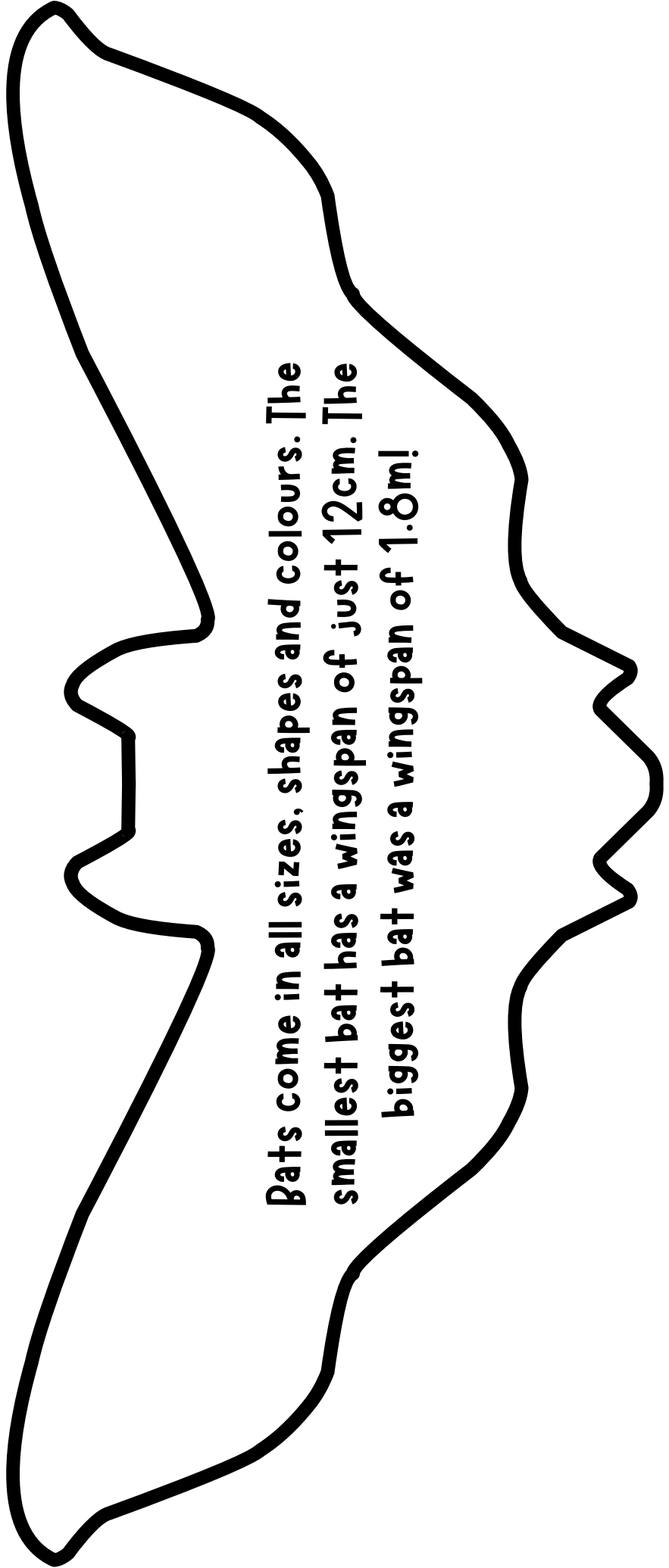
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