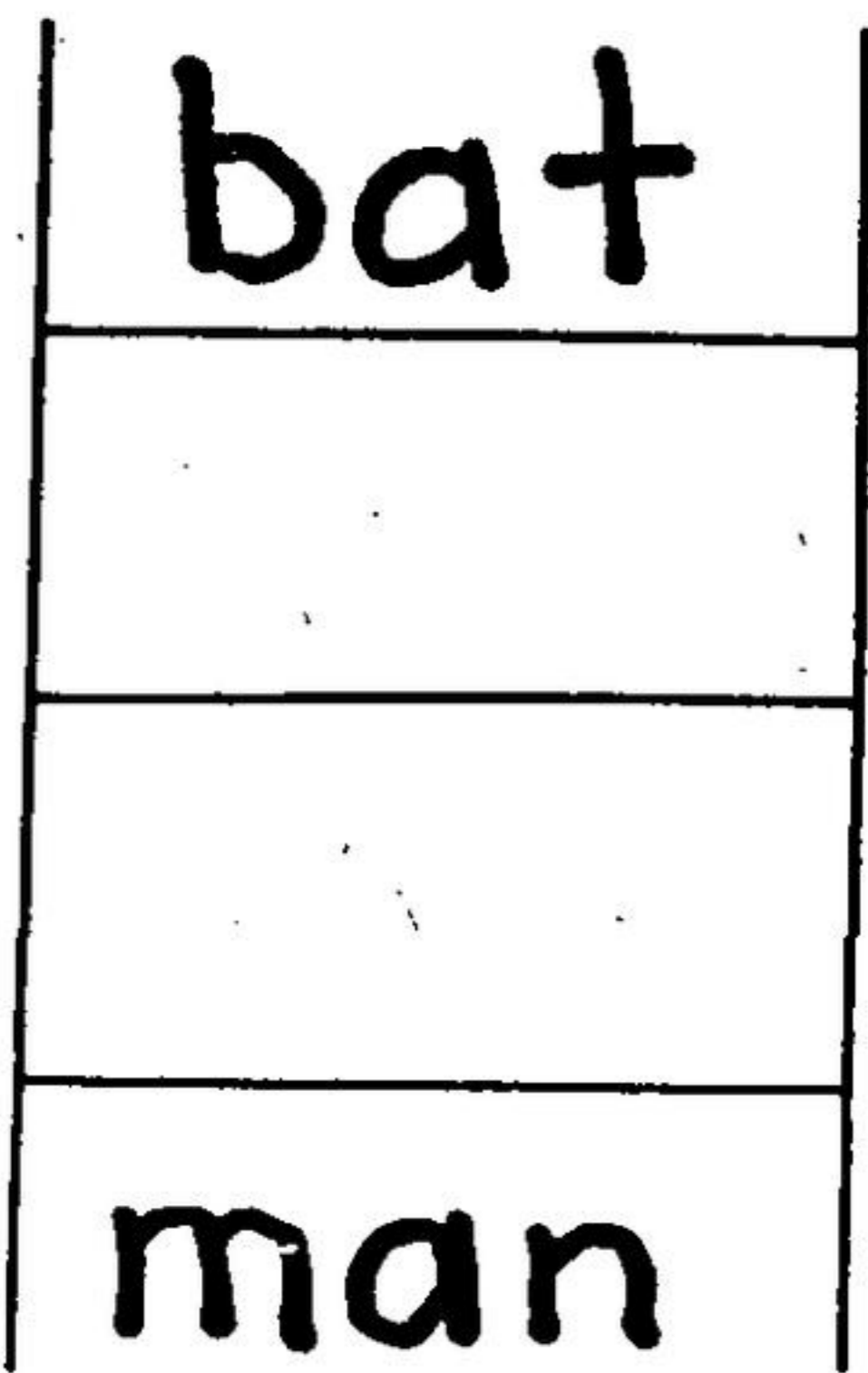


Young Outlook

Bat-Man

Use the hints to change *bat* to *man* by changing one letter on each step of the word ladder to make a new word each time.



- a nice pet



- a metal container

Answers: cat, can

Word Families

Many words end with the letters *at*. See how many you can think of.

Possible answers: bat, cat, rat, sat, mat, hot, fat, pot, goat, vat

BOOKS

Bats in the Dark by John Kaufmann. Ages 4-8. An exciting introduction to the upside-down dark world of bats. There is also a good explanation of how bats can find their way in the darkest night.

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Bats are interesting animals. They are fun to observe. However, many bats have rabies. For this reason, bats should never be handled.

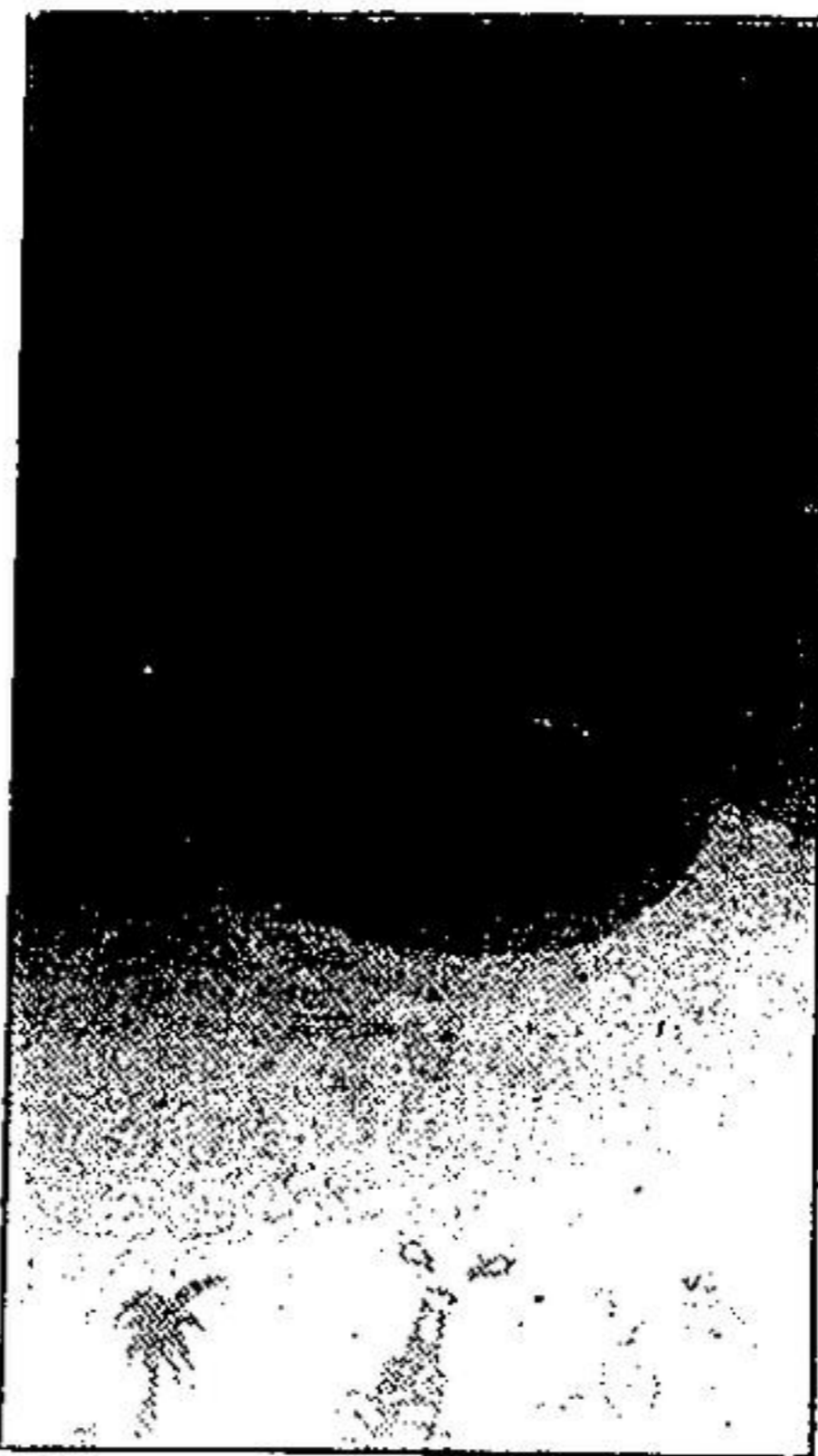


1. A bat is the only mammal that can fly.
2. All species of bats can see, probably about as well as human beings.
3. Vampire bats feed on the blood of other animals. They eat about one tablespoon of blood a day.
4. The largest bats, called flying foxes, have a wingspan of over five feet and a body about the size of a pigeon's.

- Larry: Who is the vampire's son in a baseball game?
Kasey: The bat boy.
- Shannon: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
Toni: Because he didn't have any guts.
- Celicia: What do you get if you cross a cow with a piece of furniture?
Casey: A COWch.
- Tia: What do you call a smart cat?
Jeffery: A witty kitty.

Youth Forum

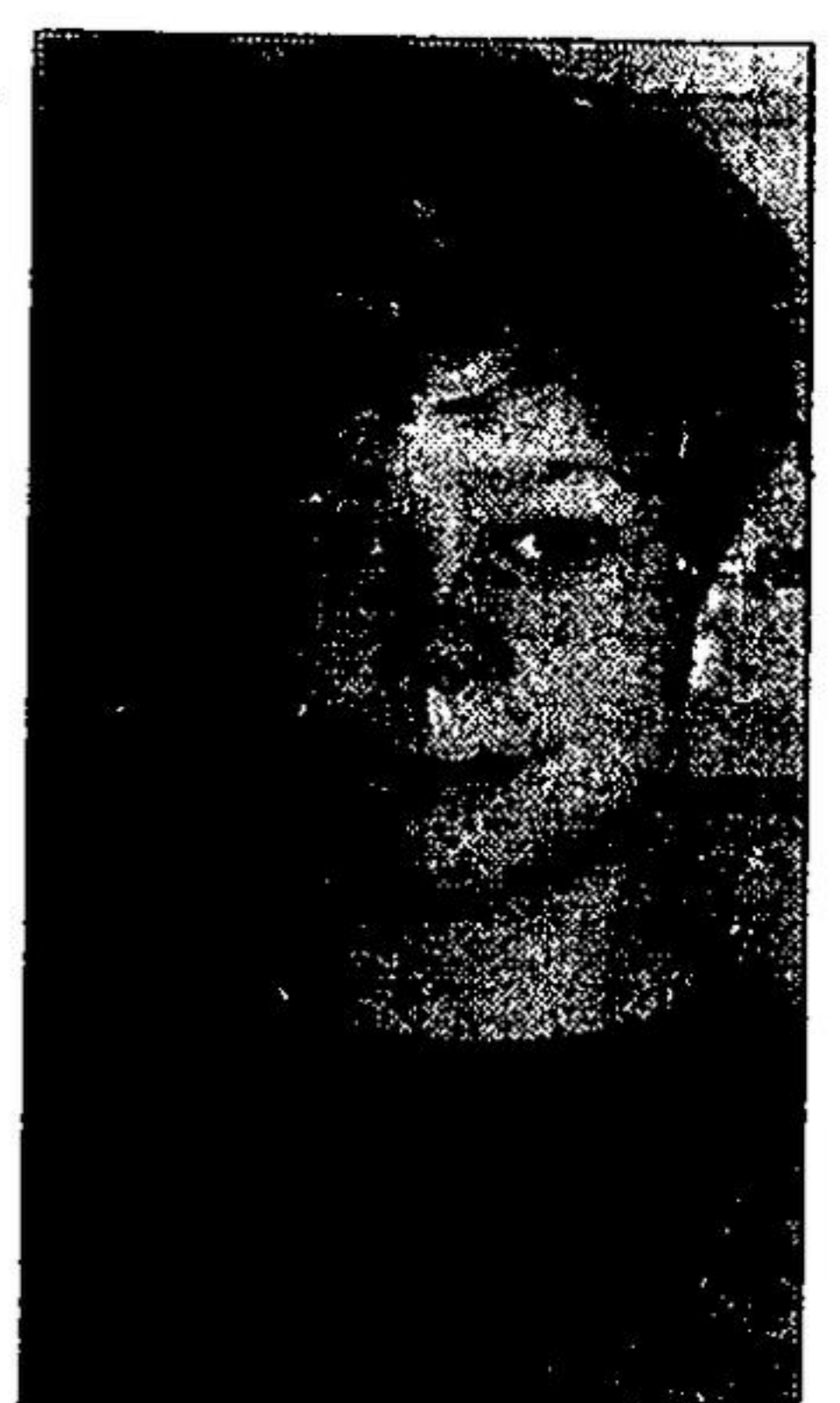
Do you like winter?



Amanda Beaulieu, 8, Robert Little Public School: "Yes, because I like to play in the snow, making snowmen and snow forts. I also like to go cross country skiing with my family."



Ian Wallis, 7, Robert Little Public School: "Yes, because I can go ice skating on the ponds near my home."



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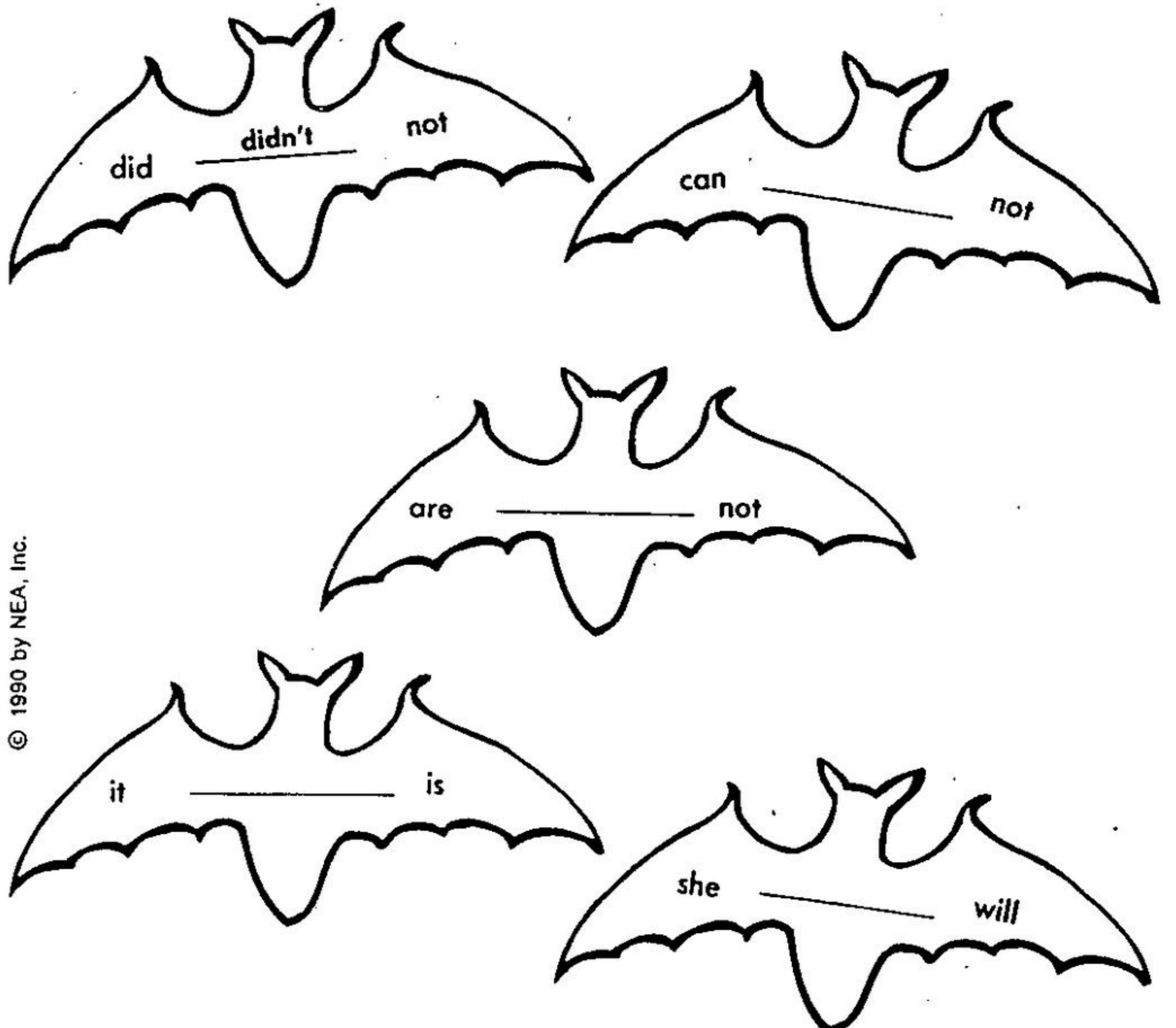
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Batty Challenge

Contractions are shortened words made by putting two words together and leaving some letters out; for example, *isn't* for *is not*. An apostrophe must be used. Look at the bats below. Write a contraction on the line using the words on the bats' wings. The first one was done for you.



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Answers: can't, aren't, it's, she'll