

# The Bumblebee Bat

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the article. Use context clues to answer the questions.

The bumblebee bat is about the size of a large bumblebee. This diminutive creature is the world's smallest bat, and some consider it to be the world's smallest mammal. It has reddish-brown or grayish fur that is paler on the underside. It has a distinctive snout that looks like that of a pig, large ears, and small eyes predominantly covered by fur. Their wings are large, dark and elongated, ending in sharp tips. These tips allow them to hover in the air like a hummingbird. The small feet are interconnected with a large piece of skin that supposedly helps them to fly and to catch insects. The bumblebee bat's teeth are typical for insectivorous bats. No one knows for sure how long they live, but based on the lifespan of closely related bats, scientists estimate they probably live between five and ten years.

1. What does "diminutive" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does "distinctive" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does "predominantly" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What does "elongated" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What does "interconnected" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What does "typical" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What does "estimate" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

