

Disgusting Bloodsuckers!

This bat lives off the blood of other animals. It comes out at night and lands near a sleeping animal. The bat crawls onto the animal's body and looks for a place where the skin is thin. Then it bites the animal with its sharp teeth. The bat will drink the animal's blood for up to half an hour.



vampire bat

A leech sucks blood from animals. It can even suck blood from people! A leech has two suckers on its body. It uses both suckers to stick on to its prey. With its front sucker, it makes a small cut in the skin of its prey. Then it can suck as much blood as it wants. A leech can even suck extra blood to store in pouches in its body.

leech

a close-up of
the leech's mouth

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