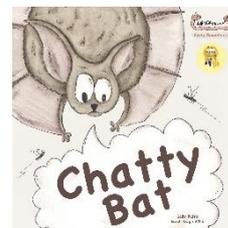


## Chatty Bat Festive Pairs



Before you play a game look at the pictures together and name them.

**Name and talk about the animals, Chatty Bat and her friends:**

- *'Look at Chatty Bat's big ears ...'*
- *'The spiders have got lots of legs ... I wonder how many ... shall we count them?'*
- *'Chatty Bat has two presents ... I wonder who she's giving them to ...?'*
- Point out the 'at' rhyme in bat, cat, rat and hat – they sound the same at the end. Can the children hear the rhyme?

**Play pairs (You will need 2 sets of pictures):**

- Hand a picture from one set to each child and place the other set face up on the floor, or on a table.
- Invite each child in turn to name their animal or animals and say something about it – help as necessary: *'Are they dogs or cats?'* and *'Do you know what sound they make ...?'*
- Then invite each child to find its pair - helping as necessary saying *'The one that matches'* or *'looks the same'*.

**Vary the game:**

- Place one set of pictures face up on the floor and keep the other set in a pile face down.
- Select the top card and without letting the children see it give them a clue about which it is. For example: *'My animal is holding bells – George can you the animal with bells?'*
- Can they remember the animal's name? Can they say something else about it? For example, it's got a long tail?

