# Vocabulary

mystery science

## Lesson: How can some animals see in the dark?

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| **brain** | a part of the body that receives and responds to signals from the senses and also stores memories |
| **experiment** | a test used to discover new information about a question |
| **eye** | a part of the body that detects light and sends signals to the brain |
| **function** | what something does |
| **iris** | the colored part of the eye that is shaped like a donut |
| **light** | energy that comes from sources like the Sun and lamps and makes it possible to see things |
| **model** | a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with |
| **nocturnal** | active mostly at night |
| **pupil** | the dark opening in the center of the eye |
| **reflect** | when light bounces off something |
| **retina** | the back of the eye that senses light and sends messages to the brain |
| **structure** | the specific form and shape of something |
| **vision** | the ability to see |