



It was a hot, summer night. Vidya and Alok put their 'Charpoy' outside, so they could sleep under the bright stars, shining in the dark sky. Alok wanted to have a glass of cold milk before going to sleep.



Just as Vidya's sleepy eyes were closing, she heard, something fly by. She let out a loud scream, 'Ahhhh!'





Alok ran quickly to her side, and when he heard what scared her, he laughed and said, "It is just a 'Chamgadar', Vidya. I learned all about bats in my class, last week. Did you know, they are active at night instead of day?"



Vidya did not like bats. Alok said, "They are just like cute rats with big wings. They are the only mammals that can fly. During the day, they sleep hanging upside down from trees. They eat berries and insects. They eat mosquitoes and termites too. Don't be scared! They won't bother us if we don't bother them."



Vidya thought Alok was a clever boy. Vidya was still, scared. She covered herself fully with a thin bedsheet, an went to sleep. Alok laughed to himself, thinking of Vidya's silly fears, and closed his eyes.

