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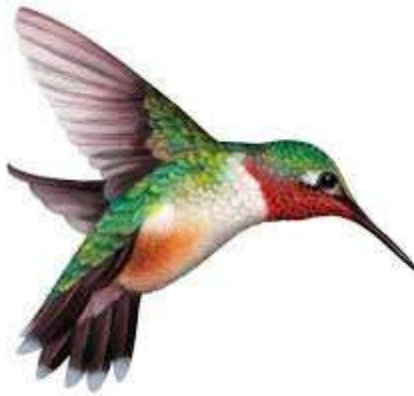
Reading Comprehension Worksheets

THE HUMMINGBIRDS

ACTIVITY 1:

Read the story below. Read aloud then answer the questions that follow.

Notes for reading: Preview the text to be read. Before you start reading, ask yourself, what does the author want me to think or feel? Do I agree with the author? While you read pay close attention to the details presented in the text.



THE HUMMINGBIRDS

The most beautiful hummingbirds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn its breast, are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being. But, you ask, why are they called hummingbirds? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings—a motion so rapid, that as they fly you can only see that they have wings.

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One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest hummingbirds. It was about half the size of a very small hen's egg, and was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibres, and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, quite white, and each about as large as a small sugarplum.

When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely, and even destroy the sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you could find it.

ACTIVITY 2:

Worksheet Activity – The Hummingbird Puzzle [Download](#)

DISCUSSION AND COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why are hummingbirds considered to be the most beautiful birds in the West Indies?
2. What is fascinating about a hummingbird?

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1. What does the word “instinct“ means?

2. To what did the writer compare the small hummingbird?

3. Why do you call birds like this hummingbirds?



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4. Where are the most beautiful hummingbirds found?

5. Why should you be careful when you get near a hummingbird's nest?

6. What size are the hummingbird's eggs?

7. Why does the writer state that the hummingbird looks more like a flash of sunlight?
