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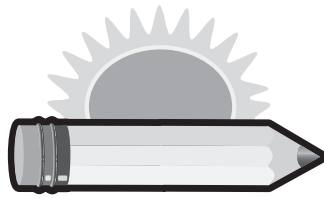


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HUMMINGBIRDS

Have you ever seen the tiny bird that never stops flying? Do you know its name? Have you seen how its wings flap so fast? Have you heard a bird humming?

It is called a hummingbird. It is one of the smallest birds. It is shorter than a pack of gum. Its long bill helps it drink the juice out of flowers. The juice is called nectar.

Hummingbirds have tongues to catch insects. Their tongues are sticky. Flying makes them very hungry. That is why they are always looking for flowers. They are always drinking nectar.

They live in forests, deserts, parks, and in the mountains. They live in fields and in valleys. Hummingbirds build nests for their babies anywhere they can find a quiet spot. They hunt for bugs and juice. The mother brings the food back to feed the babies.

If you see a bird that is flying quickly and is very tiny, it might be a hummingbird! Keep watching!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing. *Quickly* means . . .
 - a. hunt.
 - b. slow.
 - c. fast.
 - d. quiet.
2. Where do hummingbirds live?
 - a. forests, deserts, and parks
 - b. lakes and rivers
 - c. oceans
 - d. in tall trees
3. What is the name for the juice in the flower?

a. juice	c. sticky
b. nectar	d. hungry



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SOLDIERS UNDER MY BED

Bang! Bang! Bang!

I woke up with a start. What was that noise? I lay very still. My ears were open wide.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

“What is that noise?” I asked myself.

“It is the soldiers under your bed. They play war at night,” said my teddy bear.

I sat up in bed. “Are you talking to me, Mr. Teddy Bear?”

“I am. Look under your bed. The soldiers fight at night. Didn’t you hear them before?”

“No. I was sleeping at night.”

“Look and see,” said Mr. Teddy Bear. “But do not let them see you!”

I put my head over the bed. The soldiers were lying on the floor. They had their guns in their hands. They were fighting and rolling. It was amazing. Their voices sounded tiny. They were shouting and yelling.

I sat up. “Mr. Teddy Bear, do they always fight at night?” I asked.

“Most of the time. They want the toy box. The team that wins gets to sleep under there.”

“Wow,” I said. “Soldiers fighting over a toy box. Who would have guessed?”

STORY QUESTIONS

1. How do you think the child felt when he heard the noise?
 - a. brave
 - b. scared
 - c. mad
 - d. sad
2. What made the noise?
 - a. a ball bouncing
 - b. tiny soldiers fighting
 - c. mother knocking on the door
 - d. tree branches blowing against the window
3. What were they fighting about?
 - a. who gets to play with Mr. Teddy Bear
 - b. who gets to jump on the toy box
 - c. who would sleep under the toy box
 - d. who would get to play outside