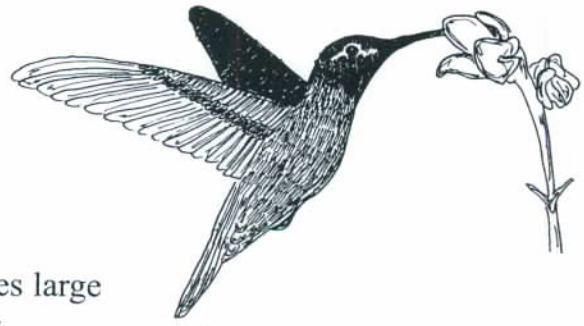


Hummingbird

Review Key Words⁶

- energy** Energy is the power to work.
- unique** Unique means one of a kind.
- hover** Hover means to stay in the air in one place.
- helicopter** A helicopter is a machine that uses large spinning blades to hover or to fly.



Write a definition.

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

8 Have you ever heard of a bird that
 14 can fly upside down? A hummingbird
 21 can! This tiny bird can fly backward
 29 and sideways too. It can also **hover** in
 38 the air like a **helicopter**. It is a good
 45 thing that the hummingbird can fly so
 53 well, because its feet are too weak to
 59 walk. The hummingbird uses its feet
 62 only to **perch**.

67 The hummingbird flies in **unique**
 74 ways because it has special muscles in
 81 its wings. These muscles **allow** it to
 88 **beat** its wings very quickly. The **rate**
 97 can be as high as 200 times per second!
 102 The hummingbird's wings move so
rapidly that you can't see them move.

109 Wings are not the only fast-moving
 116 body parts on a hummingbird. Its
 122 tongue is fast too. It can take 13 licks
 131 of **nectar per** second! The tongue is
 138 **actually** longer than the hummingbird's
 143 beak. The extra **length** is useful. It
 150 helps the hummingbird drink nectar that
 156 is deep inside a flower.

161 The hummingbird eats at least half
 167 of its weight in sugar every day. To eat
 176 like a hummingbird, a 200-pound
 182 person would need to eat 100 pounds of
 190 food every day! The hummingbird
 195 needs all that extra **energy** to move its
 203 wings so fast.
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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. A hummingbird is unable to walk.
 - b. A hummingbird drinks nectar with its long tongue.
 - c. A hummingbird moves and eats in unique ways.

2. Why can a hummingbird fly in unique ways?
 - a. Its feet are too weak to walk.
 - b. Its wings have special muscles.
 - c. It is small and very fast.

3. What does the word **beat** mean in this story?
 - a. move up and down
 - b. win a game or contest
 - c. hit or pound

4. Why must a hummingbird drink so much sugary nectar every day?
 - a. It needs the sugar in the nectar for energy to move fast.
 - b. Without sugar from the nectar, it would be too weak to walk.
 - c. It loves the taste of the sugar in the flowers' nectar.

5. List at least three ways a hummingbird is different from most other birds.

6. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Match each word with its synonym.

1. rapidly	a. ___ truly
2. actually	b. ___ quickly
3. allow	c. ___ each
4. per	d. ___ let

Parent Tips

In their book, *Classrooms That Work*, Patricia Cunningham and Richard Allington stress the importance of repeated readings as a way to help students recognize high-frequency words more easily, thereby strengthening their ease of reading. Having students practice reading by rereading short passages aloud is one of the best ways to promote fluent reading.