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Hummingbirds (Part 1)

Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise because they beat their wings so fast. They beat their wings up to 80 times per second. All that flapping makes a lot of noise. That's why we call them hummingbirds.

2 Hummingbirds fly in a unique way. They move their wings so fast that they can hover. This means that they can stay in one spot in the middle of the air, like a helicopter. Sometimes they fly or hover upside down. They are the only bird that flies backward.

Hummingbirds are small. One type called the bee hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. Bee hummingbirds weigh less than a penny.. They are just a little bigger than bees. I guess that is where they get their name.

4 Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests. They use cobwebs and bits of bark to make their homes. Their homes are only an inch around. This is big enough for their eggs though. Their eggs are smaller than peas. People have found these tiny nests on a clothespin.

1. What is the meaning of the word "hover" in paragraph 2?

- A. to stay in one spot in the air
- B. to completely clean an area
- C. an animal that has wings
- D. to move at a rapid speed

2. How did the hummingbird get its name?

- A. They are very light weight.
- B. They sing when they fly.
- C. Their wings make a humming sound.
- D. They produce music from the inside of their mouth.

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3. According to the text, what is unique about the way hummingbirds fly?
- A. They can fly faster than any other bird.
 - B. They can fly longer than any other bird.
 - C. They can fly both forward and backward.
 - D. They can only fly for a few seconds at a time.
4. Which detail from the text supports the main idea in **paragraph 4** that “**Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests**”?
- A. People have found these tiny nests on a clothespin.
 - B. They use cobwebs and bits of bark to make their homes.
 - C. This home is big enough for their eggs.
 - D. Their eggs are smaller than peas.

Hummingbirds (Part 2)

5 Hummingbirds move fast. It takes lots of energy to move as fast as they do. This means that they need to eat a lot of food. Their favorite food is nectar, a sweet liquid inside of some flowers. They drink more than their own weight in nectar daily. They have to visit hundreds of flowers to get enough nectar to live. They can only store enough energy to survive through the night. They live on the edge.

Hummingbirds don't use their long beaks like straws. They have a tongue just like you. They use their tongues for eating. They flick their tongues in and out of their mouths while inside the flowers. They lap up nectar. Flowers give them the energy that they need.

Hummingbirds help flowers too. They get pollen on their heads and bills when they feed. Flowers use pollen to make seeds. Hummingbirds help pollen get from one flower to the next. This helps flowers make more seeds. More seeds means more flowers. More flowers means more food for hummingbirds. Isn't it nice how that works out?

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5. According to the text, how do hummingbirds help flowers?
- A. They drink nectar.
 - B. They eat pollen.
 - C. They bring pollen from one flower to the next.
 - D. They plant seeds.
6. What is the main idea of **paragraph 5**?
- A. Hummingbirds move fast.
 - B. Hummingbirds like to eat nectar.
 - C. Hummingbirds use lots of energy and eat often.
 - D. Hummingbirds drink their own weight in nectar every day.
7. What is the meaning of **"They live on the edge"** in **paragraph 5**?
- A. Hummingbirds sleep on the very edge of their nests.
 - B. A hummingbird's life is always at risk of not getting enough food to survive.
 - C. A hummingbird can become ill and die if they eat too much nectar from flowers.
 - D. Hummingbirds live on the northern edge of North America.
8. According to the text, what is the relationship between hummingbirds and flowers?
- A. Hummingbirds damage the flowers while getting the nectar that they need to survive.
 - B. Hummingbirds and flowers are harmful to each other.
 - C. Hummingbirds and flowers help each other survive.
 - D. A flower's seeds can get stuck in the hummingbird's bill causing injury.

USE BOTH PARTS OF THE TEXT TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

9. What would be another good title for this passage?
- A. Bee Hummingbirds; The World's Smallest Bird
 - B. How Birds and Flowers Work Together
 - C. Hummingbirds: Unique and Uniquely Helpful
 - D. Interesting Facts About Birds