

Read the story. Then write the word that completes each sentence.

Gray's English AMI Day 5



¹Do you hear a humming sound in the leaves of that flowering shrub? Don't be surprised if it's being made by a tiny bird with a blurred outline. This is a hummingbird.

²Hummingbirds are the tiniest birds in North and South America. Most are no bigger than four inches. The smallest kind is shorter than a match.

³The hummingbird's wings beat so fast that they cause a humming noise. The bird hangs in the air with its tiny feet tucked from sight. It feeds on nectar from flower blossoms. Then it zooms away.

⁴The feathers of most males are brighter than those of the females. The male's feathers gleam like stained glass in the sun.

⁵The female's nest is less than an inch wide. It can be hidden by a leaf. It is shaped like a cup. In it the female will lay a couple of eggs the size of peas.

⁶You can feed these little visitors with a hummingbird feeder. It is a tube with holes at its base. Don't leave it up past the summer. You mustn't delay the birds' trip south for the winter.



1. This bird makes a _____ sound.
drumming shrill humming

2. Most hummingbirds are smaller than four _____ .
inches feet matches

3. The hummingbird _____ on nectar.
hangs shaped feeds

4. The male's feathers are _____ than the female's.
brighter lighter shorter

5. The _____ eggs are the size of peas.
leaf's hummingbird's hummingbirds

Name _____