

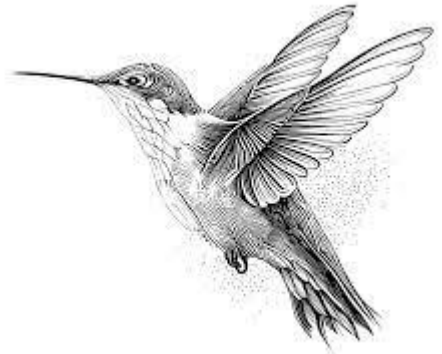
# Year 6 English Test 1

Answers

## Reading Comprehension (5 marks)

### Humming Birds

The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these birds shines like a sparkling crown of colored light. The shades of color that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one flower to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does a living being.



You ask, why are they called humming birds? 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 hardly see that they have wings.

One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. The parent bird had made the nest very hard to see. It was about half the size of a very small hen's egg, and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibers and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about the size of a grape.

When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, you need to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck you. Its sharp beak may hurt you. 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 find it.

### Questions

Tick the right answer.

1. Why does the author say the hummingbird looks like a “bright flash of sunlight?”
- The hummingbird is most active in bright sunlight.
  - The hummingbird is colorful and moves very fast. ←
  - It has a sparkling crest.
  - It is only found in places where there is bright sunlight.

2. How did hummingbirds get their name?

- Their bird call sounds like the humming of a human voice.
- They hum to one another as a means of communication
- They were first discovered by an explorer called David Humming.
- The rapid motion of their wings makes a humming sound. ←

3. Why do you think it is hard to find a hummingbird's nest?

- The nests are very tiny.
- The nests are made of cotton fibres.
- The parent bird hides the nest amongst twigs. ←
- The nests are high up in the trees.

4. What might happen if you try to take the nest of a hummingbird?

*The hummingbird will peck at you when you try to take the nest away.*

5. How do you think the author feels about hummingbirds?

- They are dangerous birds.
- They are beautiful but defenseless birds that need to be protected. ←
- They are an endangered species.
- They would make good pets.

## Spelling

(5 marks)

There is one word with incorrect spelling in each sentence. Write the correct spelling on the line.

1. The meeting was held at the comunity library. *community*

2. I hurt my left sholder when I fell off my bike. *shoulder*

3. If you multaply two by two you get four. *multiply*

4. We went to the plant markit and bought a lemon tree for my grandmother. *market*

5. New vehicals which use electricity as well as petrol are becoming very popular. *vehicles*

## Language Usage

25 marks

A. Correct the punctuation and capitalization in these sentences by writing over the mistakes in pen. **(6 marks – half marks allowed)**

1. **W**hen we were reading the biography of **Hudson Taylor** we learned about the Chinese culture of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
2. There are three things we need to buy at the grocery store: shampoo, soap and toothpaste.
3. **“Sara, can you please pass me the pepper?”** asked **John**.
4. Tonight, we have to read complete our English, mathematics and science homework.
5. **Kevin, Lillian and Thomas** are on their way to **Japan**.
6. Yes, you are allowed to watch the television show with **Mum, Dad and Grandma**.

B. Choose the correct word in bold so the verb agrees with the noun. (Cross out the word in bold that is not correct.) **(6 marks)**

1. My little sisters **has**/have a lot of toys.
2. For my birthday, my mum always make/**makes** me a cake.
3. The entire class **had**/ want to go to the assembly on Friday.
4. The teachers is deciding/**are deciding** whether we should get a longer recess.
5. My parents **are going**/ goes to the same restaurant each week.
6. We lose/**lost** every game we play.

## Multiple choice

**(13 marks)**

1. What is the thinking verb in this sentence?

John wondered what time his friends would arrive at the party.

- wondered ←       time       would       arrive

2. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- We used cardboard, paints, glitter and glue to make our poster. ←
- We used cardboard paints glitter and glue, to make our poster.
- We used cardboard paints glitter and glue to make our poster.
- We used cardboard, paints, glitter and glue, to make our poster.

3. Which clause completes this sentence correctly?

Having completed the obstacle course, \_\_\_\_\_

- cheering for our teammates.
- before the finals were run.
- so the finalists were chosen.
- we all had a drink and a rest. ←

4. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Shes turning ten this year.
- Theres a strong wind blowing.
- Mum lets us go swimming after school. ←
- Whos coming to the party?

5. Which option completes this sentence correctly?

Dictionaries use symbols which \_\_\_\_\_ how words are pronounced.

- have shown
- showing
- are shown
- show ←

6. Which sentence contains an adjective?

- I watered the plants before school.
- The sudden rain sent us running for cover. ←
- The tickets are going on sale on Monday.
- I am making a curry for dinner.

7. *The telescopes that the astronomers use at the observatory are very strong. Planets and stars invisible to the naked eye can be seen clearly through them.*

In this text the word 'them' refers to

- telescopes. ←
- astronomers.
- planets.
- stars.

8. Which option is punctuated correctly?

- The boy next door is my friend we play together every afternoon.
- The boy next door. Is my friend. We play together every afternoon.
- The boy next door is my friend. We play together every afternoon. ←
- The boy next door is my friend, we play together. Every afternoon.

9. Which sentence is a command?

- He told her to hurry up or they would be late.
- If you are late we will start without you.
- We need to check the timetable so we arrive on time.
- Make sure you lock the door when you leave. ←

10. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Tom the captain, of the team was injured.
- Tom, the captain of the team, was injured. ←
- Tom, the captain of the team was injured.
- Tom the captain of the team, was injured.

11. Which word can be both singular and plural?

- women
- mice
- children
- sheep ←

12. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Zoe said that we should take a water bottle. ←
- Zoe said, "That we should take a water bottle."
- Zoe said that we should, "Take a water bottle."
- Zoe said that "We should take a water bottle."

13. Which two words can be turned into a contraction?

- he would ←
- you can
- they might
- I did

**Writing**

**(15 marks)**

Why does someone choose to be a missionary?

**Introduction:** Explain what missionaries do.

**Body:** Explain what motivates missionaries -

- Duty to God
- Responding to need
- Desire to share the Gospel message

**Conclusion:** Give an example of one missionary and explain how this person fulfilled the three points above.

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