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Worksheet 2 - Language



Zunzuncito: A Tale of Cuba's Bee Hummingbird

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- The author used **figurative language** to describe what the bird saw as he flew over his new home. Which of these are examples of **similes**? Which show **personification**?
 - ...palm trees, straight as spears _____
 - ...waving green fronds at the clouds _____
 - ...flowers in countless shades of red nodding in the breeze _____
 - ...waves edged with white lace racing to the shore _____
 - ...a sea as smooth as glass _____
 - ...reached for a sky of perfect blue _____
- The bird was sad to discover his feathers were "dull." What might be an **antonym** for the word "dull?"
 - Cloudy
 - Uninteresting
 - Bright
 - Grey
- Circle all the **compound words** you see.
 - ...flowers in countless shades of red...
 - ...the bird came down to drink from a slow-moving brook.
 - ...why is there color everywhere, except on me?
 - ...her magic breath that smelled of sugarcane...
 - ...for this, some will know you as Bee Hummingbird.
- Toa painted the bird's feathers red, green and blue. What **adjectives** are used in the book to describe these colors?
 - _____ red
 - _____ green
 - _____ blue

5. While the bird looked at his reflection, the water "...rippled with bright swirls." How could you change the word "rippled" without changing the meaning?
- "...splashed with bright swirls."
 - "...waved with bright swirls."
 - "...dripped with bright swirls."
 - "...gushed with bright swirls."
6. Which one of these is a **compound sentence**?
- The bird pointed to other pots.
 - Now he was much smaller, but his head shone a dazzling red.
 - She understood the longing in the tiny heart.
7. Toa's breath was "fragrant." The word "fragrant" most closely means...
- Stinky
 - Interesting
 - Colorful
 - Perfumed
8. Toa's magic made the bird small. Circle two **synonyms** used in the book for the word "small."
- Enormous Tiny Delicious Gigantic Miniature Confused
9. Toa made the bird's wings beat "rapidly." Which of these is true?
- The bird's wings moved very slowly
 - The bird's wings moved very fast
 - The bird could not move his wings at all
10. The word "zún-zún-zún" is an example of...
- Personification
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Metaphor
 - Simile