

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Worksheet 1 - Comprehension



Zunzuncito: A Tale of Cuba's Bee Hummingbird

by Silvia López

illustrated by Verónica Cabrera

[www.silvia\\_lopez\\_books.com/talesandcuentos](http://www.silvia_lopez_books.com/talesandcuentos)

1. Why did the bird decide to "spread his wings" and fly?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Name four things the bird saw as he flew over his new home:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the bird notice about his own feathers when he looked at his reflection?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What was Toa, Mother-of-All Things doing after having painted everything on the island?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Why was Toa sad when the bird asked her to make him colorful?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What did the bird see inside the first pot?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. What did the bird suggest they could try to make the paint go farther?

---

8. In order to make him smaller, Toa blew her magic breath over the bird. Her breath smelled of five special fragrances. What were they?

---

---

---

9. Toa granted the bird two final gifts to make up for her mistake. What did she say these gifts would help him do?

---

10. What did Toa name the island where the story takes place?

---

11. The word for hummingbird in Spanish is *colibrí*. It comes from the language of the Taínos, some of Cuba's native peoples. But Toa also called the bird a *zunzún*. Why?

---

12. Toa said the bird would be known as Bee Hummingbird because of his size. But she predicted that the people who would love him best would give him what nickname?

---

13. What do you think is the main idea of this story?

---

---

---

Have fun coloring your own Zunzuncito!

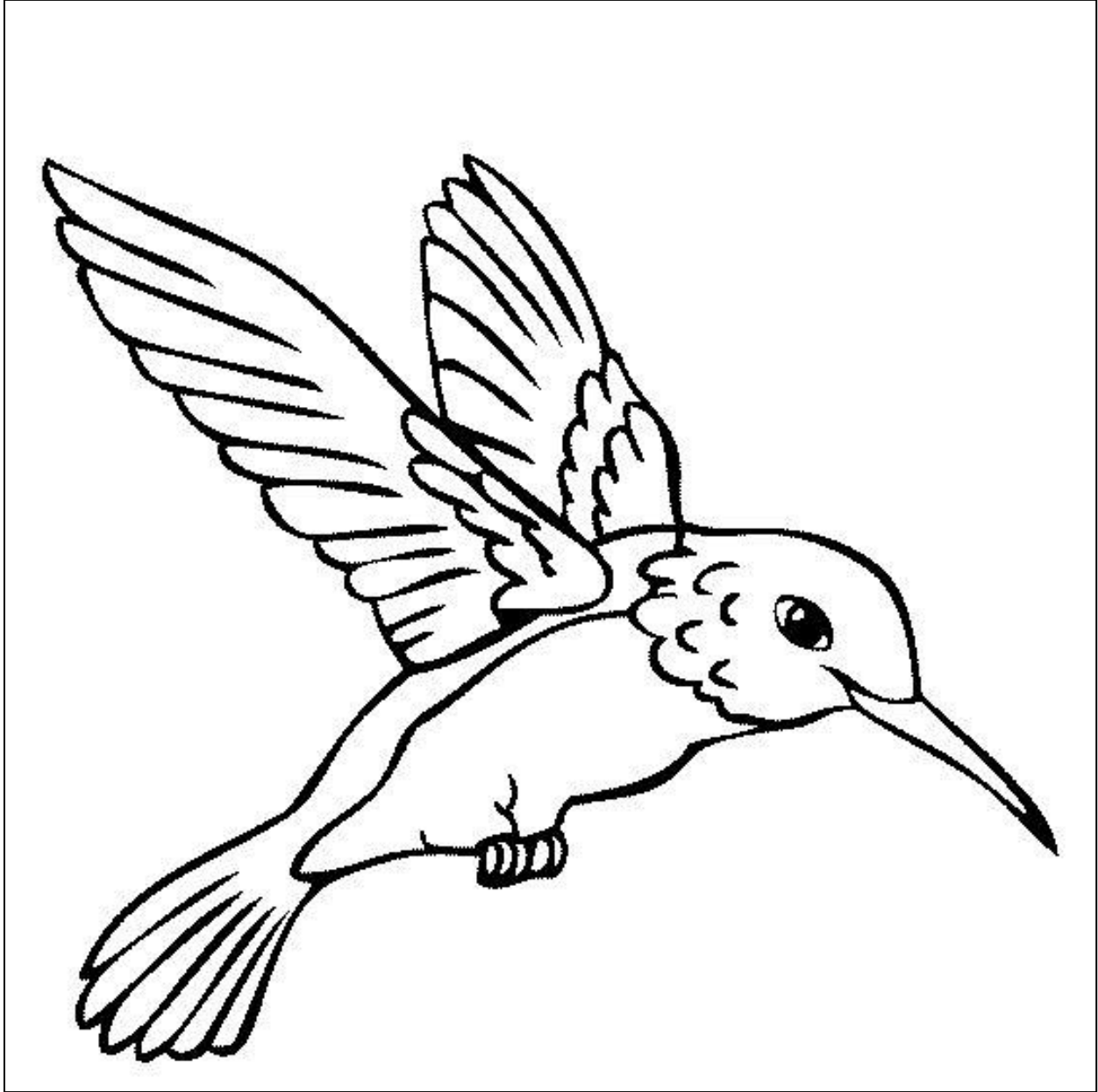


Image source: <https://s-mediacacheak0.pinning.com/736x/09/b5/7b/09b57b7a8cab0c464e1d9266c3d058fb.jpg>