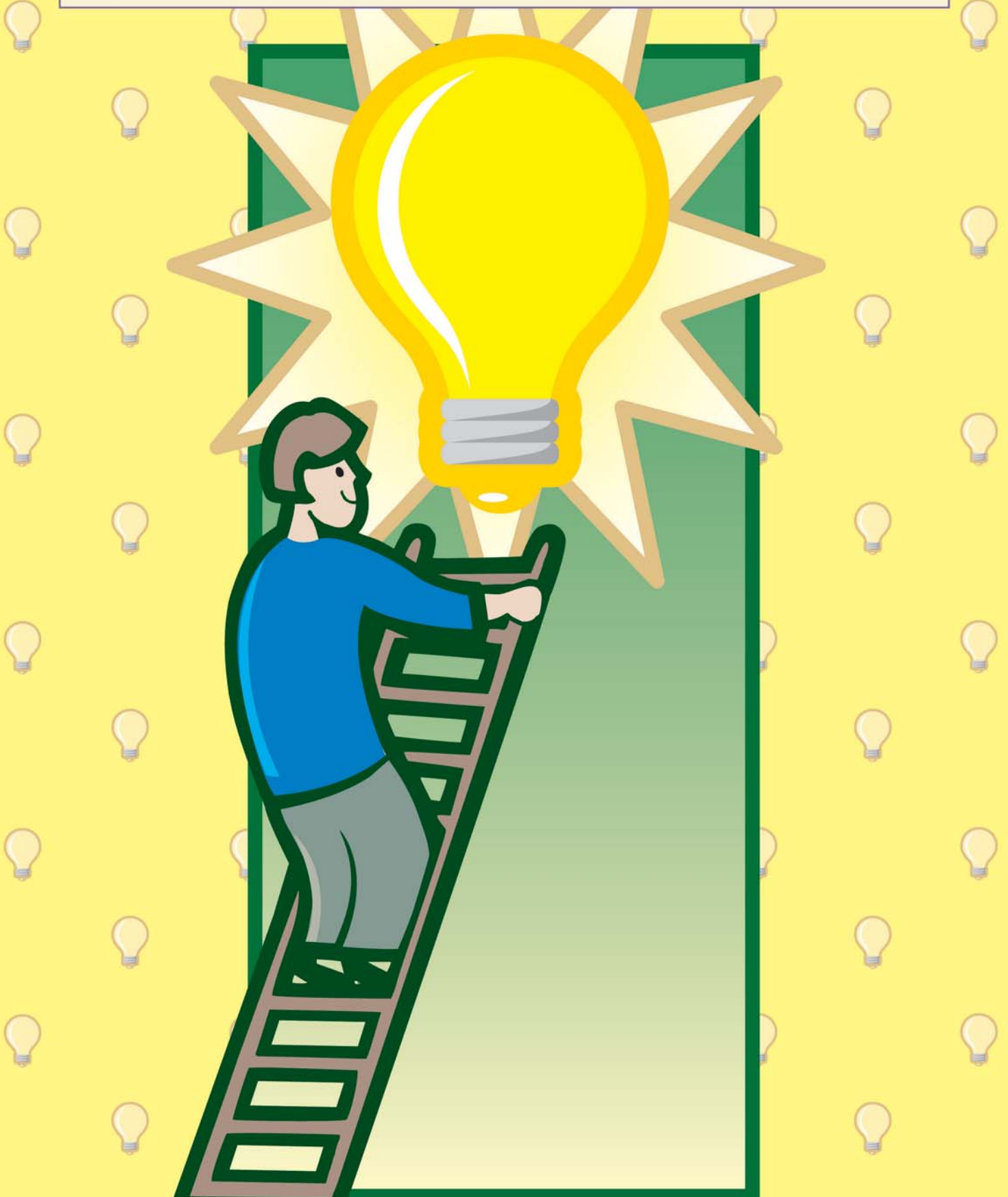


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ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING





Critical Thinking Grade 4



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What Do They Have in Common?

To **classify** means to put items together in groups based on something they have in common. Write the words from the box under the category heading where they best fit.

thunder	hockey	soccer	love	mom	Sue
whispers	hope	shouts	baby	respect	bowling

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|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Ideas | 2. Noises | 3. People | 4. Sports |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Write three words that fit into each classification.

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|-------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 5. Clubs | 6. Songs | 7. Toys | 8. Green things |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Footwear | 10. Transportation | 11. Cities | 12. Rivers |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Write a category name for each group of words.

13. purple, pink, pineapple, pear _____
14. their, they're, there _____
15. governor, president, senator, mayor _____
16. June, March, July, January _____
17. ice cream, milk, butter, cheese _____

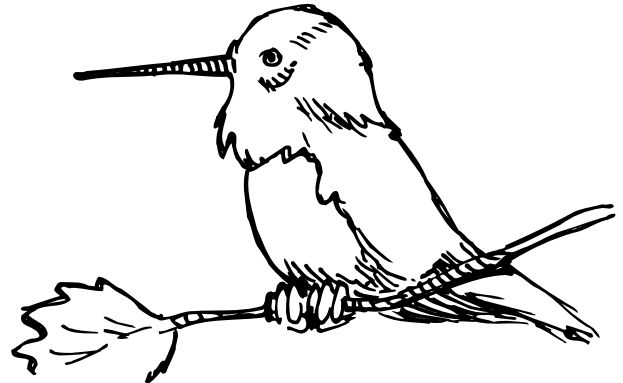
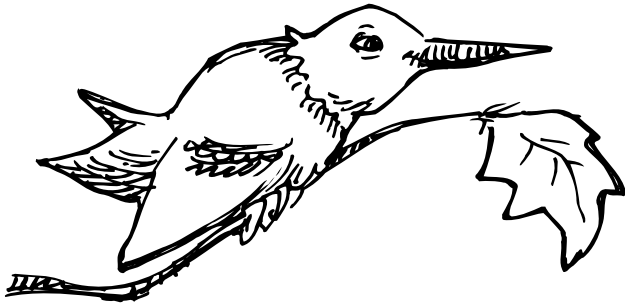




Color in Motion

To **summarize** means to briefly retell the most important information from an article or story in your own words.

Read about hummingbirds. Then write a summary of the article in your own words on another sheet of paper.



There are more than 300 species of hummingbirds. The hummingbird family contains the smallest of all birds. Many species are less than three inches long. The smallest hummingbird is the bee hummingbird of Cuba. Male bee hummingbirds are slightly smaller than females and weigh only about .07 ounces. It would take almost 15 birds that size to weigh slightly more than one ounce!

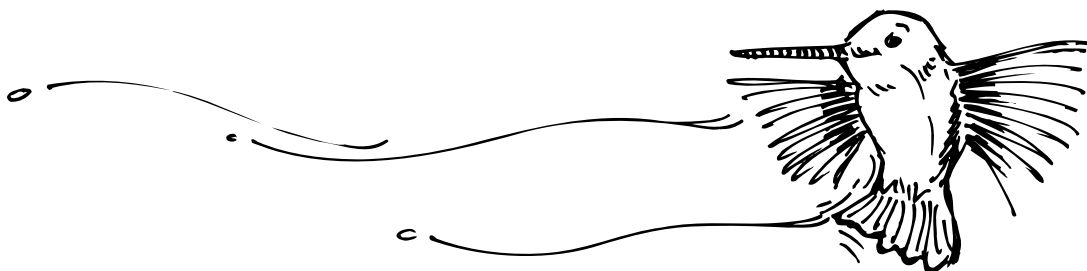
Hummingbirds fly very rapidly and their wings beat so quickly that they make a soft humming sound when they fly. If you watch a hummingbird feed, you'll notice that it seems to hover in the air like a helicopter as it uses its long beak to dine on nectar and tiny insects inside flowers.

Most hummingbirds are brightly colored. They seem almost to glow as the sunshine reflects off their bodies of emerald green, ruby red, metallic green, and iridescent blue.

Hummingbirds live from the southern tip of South America almost to the Arctic Circle. Most species are found in tropical areas of South America.

The ruby-throated hummingbird nests east of the Mississippi River in summer. Although only about four inches long, these birds migrate hundreds of miles each year between their summer nesting sites and their winter homes in Mexico.

Although they are the smallest of all birds, hummingbirds can do something no other birds can do. They can fly backwards!





Fact or Opinion?

A **fact** is a sentence that can be proven.

Kentucky is a state.

An **opinion** is what someone thinks about something. It cannot be proven.

Winter is better than summer.

Read the sentences. On the blanks, write **F** for fact or **O** for opinion.

1. ____ Maine is farther north than Florida.
2. ____ Florida is the sunniest state, but Maine is more friendly.
3. ____ Edward's mother is a doctor.
4. ____ Abe Lincoln was the best President of the United States.
5. ____ Abe Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States.
6. ____ Red is a primary color.
7. ____ To make pink, mix red and white.
8. ____ Pink is a lovely color.
9. ____ Ms. Tompson won the election.
10. ____ Everyone should vote for Ms. Thompson.
11. Write three sentences that are facts.



12. Write three sentences that are opinions.

