

Grade Five Sample Test Item—Reading  
Achievement Level: Standard Nearly Met

Read the sentences from the text.

I once watched a hummingbird do a really special aerial maneuver. It dived down through a small swarm of insects, then flew back up to dive through the swarm over and over again.

Which phrase **best** states the meaning of “aerial maneuver” in the text?

- A. a series of actions performed by the hummingbird while flying
- B. a series of actions performed by the hummingbird while hovering
- C. a series of beak movements that help hummingbirds catch insects
- D. a series of wing movements that help the hummingbird use energy skillfully

Area

Reading

Demonstrating understanding of literary and nonfiction texts

Standard(s)

Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.

Answer

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