

**Approach:** Station

**Level:** Year 8

**Focus:** Identifying nouns, verbs and adjectives.

**Resources:** Book 'Shimbir'.

**Questions/instructions:**

Read the story book 'Shimbir'.

On the **copy** of the story below:

1. Circle the **nouns** (naming words).
2. Underline the **verbs** (doing words).
3. Put a dotted line under the **adjectives** (describing words).

**Shimbir**

The shimbir lives in trees.

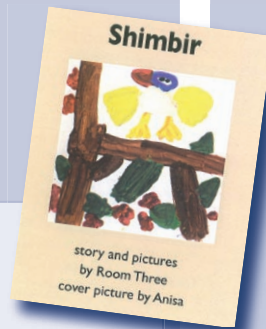
It eats red berries.

It has a blue head and yellow wings.

We are happy when we see the shimbir because it is so beautiful.

Every morning and every evening the shimbir sings.

It has a wonderful song.



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<b>Nouns circled:</b>	Line 1:	shimbir	86	
	Line 1:	trees	63	
	Line 2:	berries	71	
	Line 3:	head	55	
	Line 3:	wings	57	
	Line 4:	shimbir	81	
	Line 6:	morning	27	
	Line 6:	evening	26	
	Line 6:	shimbir	77	
	Line 7:	song	34	
<b>Verbs underlined:</b>	Line 1:	lives	49	
	Line 2:	eats	85	
	Line 3:	has	5	
	Line 4:	are	2	
	Line 4:	see	27	
	Line 4:	is	2	
	Line 6:	sings	85	
	Line 7:	has	3	
	<b>Adjectives dotted:</b>	Line 1:	red	58
		Line 3:	blue	69
Line 3:		yellow	69	
Line 4:		happy	48	
Line 5:		beautiful	72	
Line 7:		wonderful	71	
<b>Word incorrectly circled:</b>			none	50
		1-2	22	
		3-11	29	
<b>Words incorrectly underlined:</b>		none	56	
		1-2	28	
		3-9	16	
<b>Words incorrectly dotted:</b>		none	58	
		1-2	22	
		3-9	20	

**Commentary:**

Very few students identified the verbs 'to be' and 'to have'. Overall, 37 percent of the students scored half marks or lower on this task as a whole, and only 8 percent got 80 percent or more of the maximum score.