

How a Honeybee Makes Honey

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of an explanation text.

Read the text below about Bea the honeybee. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Bea the honeybee has a very busy job. First, she flies to bright flowers to find a sweet liquid called nectar. She uses her long tongue to drink the nectar. Next, she flies back to the beehive. She puts the nectar into a small wax cell. Then, she flaps her wings very fast to dry the nectar out. This turns the nectar into thick, yummy honey. Finally, the bees store the honey for the winter.

Word bank: nectar · beehive · wings · honey · flowers

1. Where does Bea go to find the sweet nectar? (1 mark)

2. What does Bea use to help dry out the nectar? (1 mark)

3. What does the nectar turn into at the end? (1 mark)

4. Put these two steps in order. Write 'First' or 'Next' before each sentence:

_____ Bea drinks the nectar.

_____ Bea flies to the beehive. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Bea the honeybee flying to a colourful flower.



Extension challenge: Can you add one more sentence to the text to explain what bees do with the honey in the winter? Use the word 'eat'.