

A Guide to the Busy Honeybee

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a non-chronological report and make simple inferences about the text.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank if you need help with tricky words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided. Look for the answers in the text.

Bea the honeybee is a very busy insect. She lives in a large home called a hive. A hive is part of a colony, which is a big family of bees working together.

Bees have a very important job. They fly from flower to flower to collect sweet nectar. When they land on flowers, they help with pollination. This means they help new plants and flowers to grow. This is good for our gardens and the planet!

In the hive, every bee has a special role. Some bees clean the home, while others protect it. Bea is a scout bee. Her job is to find the best flowers and tell her friends where they are. Bees use a special 'waggle dance' to show other bees the way.

Bees are clever creatures. They are very important for the natural world. Without them, we would have fewer flowers and less fruit to eat. We should always be kind to bees when we see them in the garden.

Word bank: Colony · Nectar · Pollination · Hive · Insects

1. Where does Bea the honeybee live? (1 mark)

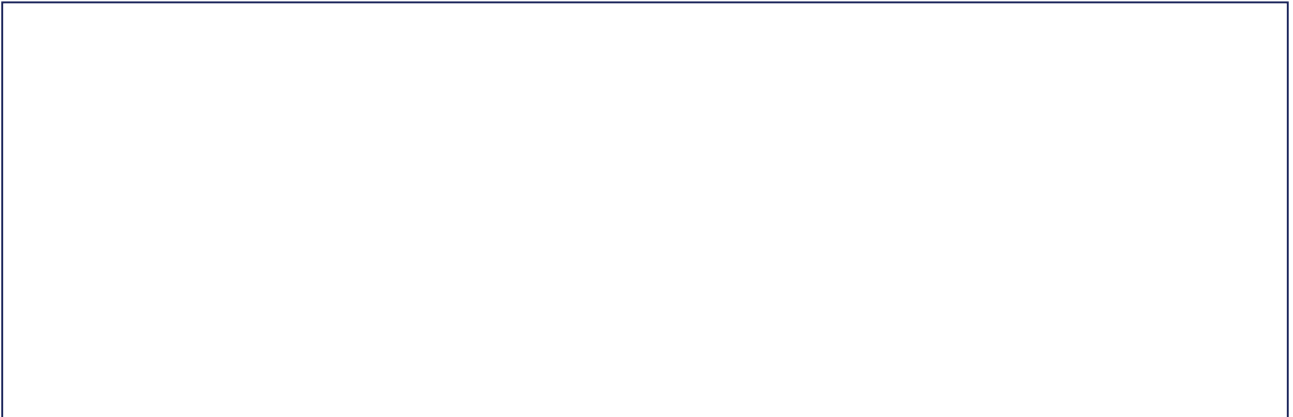
2. What is the job of a scout bee? (1 mark)

3. Why is the 'waggle dance' useful for the bees? (2 marks)

4. Why might the world be different if there were no honeybees? (2 marks)

5. Do you think bees are important? Use the text to explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Bea the honeybee flying towards a bright, colourful flower in a garden.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a scout bee like Bea. Write two sentences to tell your friends where you found a patch of beautiful flowers.