

Sheet 10: Non-Fiction Reading Comprehension

Worked example:

Read the text: 'The honeybee is a vital insect. Bea the bee works hard to collect nectar from colourful flowers. She uses her wings to fly back to the hive to share what she has found.' Question: Where does Bea go after visiting the flowers? Answer: She flies back to the hive.

Answer: The hive.

• Read this passage: 'The honeybee is a social insect that lives in a colony. A colony can have thousands of bees, all working together to help the queen. They build honeycomb out of wax to store their honey. To make honey, bees visit many flowers to gather nectar. When they land on a flower, yellow dust called pollen sticks to their fuzzy bodies. As they fly from flower to flower, they spread this pollen, which helps new plants grow. This process is called pollination. Without bees, many of the fruits and vegetables we eat would not be able to grow. Bees are very important for our planet.'

- What do bees use to build their honeycomb?
- What is the name of the yellow dust that sticks to a bee's body?
- Why is pollination important for humans?
- Inference: Based on the text, do you think bees are lazy or hard-working? Explain why.
- Find a word in the text that means the same as 'very important'.

Self-check: Check your answers against the text; if your answer is 'vital', 'pollen', or 'wax', you are on the right track!

Ready for next: Once you can confidently find facts in a text, you are ready to explore the rhythm and rhyme of poetry.