

A Report on the Honeybee

Learning objective: To identify key features of a non-chronological report and retrieve information from a text.

Read the report carefully. Use the word bank if you need help. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Bees are amazing insects that play a big part in our world. A group of bees living together is called a colony. They make their home in a hive. Bees the honeybee works very hard every day.

Bees visit many colourful flowers to find food. They drink a sweet liquid called nectar. They also collect yellow dust called pollen on their legs. This helps flowers to grow. Back at the hive, the bees turn the nectar into delicious honey.

Bees are very important for the planet. They help to grow the fruit and vegetables that we eat. Without bees, we would have much less food. Most bees are very busy and work as a team to keep their home clean and safe. They use a special dance to tell other bees where to find the best flowers. Scientists think this is a clever way to share information. We must look after our bees so they can keep helping nature thrive.

Word bank: nectar · pollen · hive · colony · insects · flowers

1. What is a group of bees living together called? (1 mark)

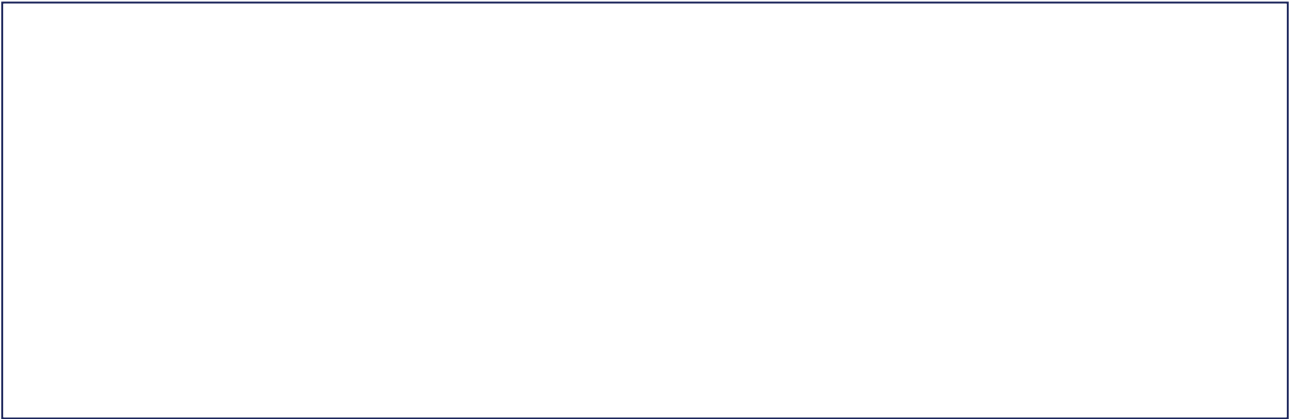
2. What two things do bees collect from flowers? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think bees need to use a 'special dance' to talk to each other? (2 marks)

4. How might our lives change if there were no bees left to help plants grow? (2 marks)

5. Do you think bees are helpful animals? Give one reason why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Bea the honeybee visiting a bright, colourful flower. Label the flower and the bee.



Extension challenge: Write one more fact about bees. Use the word bank to help you.