Bea’s Busy Garden Friends

Learning objective: To identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Read the story about Bea the honeybee and her friends, then answer the questions below.

Bea the honeybee loves to buzz around the garden. She has many different friends to visit. First, she flies to the pond to see Finn the dolphin’s cousin, a small golden fish swimming in the water. Nearby, a green frog sits on a lily pad. Bea knows that the frog is an amphibian because it lives on land and in water. High in the old oak tree, a blue bird builds a cosy nest, while a sleepy lizard basks in the warm sunshine on a stone. The lizard is a reptile with scaly skin. Finally, Bea flies to the meadow to see a fluffy rabbit munching on clover. The rabbit is a mammal because it is covered in soft fur. Every animal has a special place to live and a body that helps it grow. Bea thinks it is wonderful that all her friends are so different. Whether they have feathers, scales, or fur, they all make the garden a very happy place to be. Bea loves learning about how each animal stays safe and healthy in its own home.

Word bank: mammal · amphibian · reptile · bird · fish · habitat

1. Which animal in the story is a mammal? (1 mark)

2. Where does the bird build its nest? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the frog likes to sit on a lily pad? (2 marks)

4. How can you tell the lizard is a reptile? (2 marks)

5. If you were an animal in the garden, which one would you choose to be and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the garden showing the fish in the pond, the frog on a lily pad, the bird in the tree, the lizard on a stone, and the rabbit in the meadow.

Extension challenge: Choose one animal from the story and write one fact about what it likes to eat.