

Investigating the Magnificent Honeybee

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report.

Read the report below about honeybees written by Bea. Once you have finished reading, answer the questions to test your understanding of the facts and the structure of a report.

Honeybees are fascinating insects that play a vital role in our environment. A honeybee belongs to the insect family, meaning it has six legs and three body parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They also have two pairs of wings and two antennae to help them sense the world around them. Honeybees live in a large group called a colony. A colony usually has one queen, many workers, and some drones. They build their homes, called hives, out of beeswax. The main job of the worker bee is to collect nectar from flowers. As they fly from plant to plant, they help with pollination. This is how plants grow new seeds and fruit. Without honeybees, many of the foods we eat, like apples and strawberries, would not be able to grow.

Word bank: habitat · colony · nectar · pollination · thorax · abdomen · antennae

1. According to the report, what are the three body parts of a honeybee? (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the group a honeybee lives in? (1 mark)

3. Why is the process of pollination important for humans? (2 marks)

4. Non-chronological reports often use sub-headings. If you were adding a section about what bees eat, what sub-heading could you use? (1 mark)

5. Find and copy one word from the text that tells us bees use their antennae to help them 'feel' or 'notice' things. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a honeybee and label the three body parts mentioned in the text: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen.



Extension challenge: Research one other insect and write two sentences about it using the same style as Bea's report. Remember to use a capital letter and a full stop for every sentence.