

Busy Honeybees

Grade 2 · Reading · honeybee passage and comprehension

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Read the story two times. Then answer the questions in full sentences.

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Honeybees are tiny, but they are very busy. They live together in a hive. A hive can hold thousands of bees.

One bee is called the queen. She stays in the hive and lays eggs. The other bees have jobs too. Some bees clean the hive. Some bees guard the door. The rest fly out to find flowers.

When a bee lands on a flower, it drinks sweet nectar. It also picks up yellow dust called pollen on its fuzzy body. The bee carries the nectar home and turns it into honey. The pollen helps new flowers grow.

Bees talk to each other by dancing. A wiggle dance tells the other bees where to find good flowers. So next time you see a bee, take a step back and let it get on with its work.

Questions

1. Where do honeybees live together?
2. What job does the queen bee do?
3. What does a bee drink from a flower?
4. What is the yellow dust called that sticks to a bee's fuzzy body?
5. How do bees tell each other where to find flowers?
6. Why do you think it is important to leave bees alone while they work?

Draw a honeybee

Draw a honeybee on a flower. Add one thing it is carrying ho

Answers

For the teacher

1. Honeybees live together in a hive.
2. The queen bee stays in the hive and lays eggs.
3. A bee drinks sweet nectar from a flower.
4. The yellow dust is called pollen.
5. Bees tell each other by dancing, for example a wiggle dance.
6. Any sensible answer, e.g. because they are busy working and they might sting if they feel scared.