Busy Bees

Grade 2
Reading comprehension · Nonfiction

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Read the passage carefully. You may read it more than once. Then answer the questions.

Honeybees live together in a home called a hive. Thousands of bees can live in one hive. Each bee has a job. The queen bee lays eggs. She can lay more than one thousand eggs in a single day!

Worker bees are all female, and they have many jobs. Some clean the hive. Some feed the baby bees. Some guard the door. Others fly from flower to flower to collect nectar, a sweet liquid. They carry it back to the hive and turn it into honey.

How do bees find the best flowers? When a worker bee finds a good patch of flowers, she flies home and does a special dance. The dance tells the other bees which way to fly.

Bees also help plants. As they move from flower to flower, they carry pollen. Pollen helps plants make seeds and fruit. Apples, berries, and many other foods need bees. Without bees, we would have less food.

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Questions

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Circle the best answer. Then complete the writing at the end.

1. [Right There] What is a hive?
a) a kind of flower
b) a jar of honey
c) a home for bees

2. [Word Meaning] What is nectar?
a) a kind of bee
b) a seed
c) a sweet liquid in flowers

3. [Think and Search] How do bees help plants?
a) They eat the leaves.
b) They carry pollen.
c) They dig holes.

4. [Main Idea] What is the main idea?
a) Bees work together and help plants.
b) Bees are scary.
c) Honey is sticky.

5. [Think and Search] How does a worker bee tell others where flowers are?
a) She sings a song.
b) She does a special dance.
c) She leaves a note.

6. [Right There] Name one job of worker bees.
a) building flowers
b) laying eggs
c) guarding the door

Write About It. What was the most important idea in “Busy Bees”? Use two details from the text.

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Busy Bees — Answer Key

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c) a home for bees

2. What is nectar?

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3. How do bees help plants?

b) They carry pollen.

4. What is the main idea?

a) Bees work together and help plants.

5. How does a worker bee tell others where flowers are?

b) She does a special dance.

6. Name one job of worker bees.

c) guarding the door

Write About It: Answers will vary. Look for two accurate details from the text.

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