



# Honey Bees — Little Workers of Nature

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A **bee** is a small **insect** that flies from **flower** to flower. Bees have six legs, two wings, and a small body with yellow and black stripes. They are very **busy** all day long. People often say "as busy as a bee" because bees never seem to stop working.

Bees love to **fly** in **gardens** and fields. They drink a special juice from inside flowers called nectar. Then they take this nectar back to their home. The home of a bee is called a hive. Inside the hive, the bees turn the nectar into something **sweet** — **honey**!

Honey is one of the oldest **foods** in the world. People have eaten honey for thousands of years. Bees make honey to feed their babies in the winter. But they make so much that people can take some too. Honey can be put on bread, in tea, or in many other dishes.

Bees are very important for **nature**. When a bee moves from flower to flower, it carries small yellow dust called pollen. This helps plants make new seeds and new fruits. Without bees, we would have far fewer apples, strawberries, and many other foods we love.

So next time you see a little bee in a flower, do not be afraid. Just watch quietly. The bee is busy doing a very big job for our world.



## A. Vocabulary Matching

Match each word with its definition.

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| 1. <b>bee</b> _____     | a. to move through the air using wings                                  |
| 2. <b>insect</b> _____  | b. what people and animals eat  |
| 3. <b>flower</b> _____  | c. having a taste like sugar  |
| 4. <b>busy</b> _____    | d. a sweet, sticky food made by bees from flowers                       |
| 5. <b>fly</b> _____     | e. having a lot to do; not free or quiet                                |
| 6. <b>garden</b> _____  | f. the colorful part of a plant   |
| 7. <b>sweet</b> _____   | g. a place where people grow flowers and plants                         |
| 8. <b>honey</b> _____   | h. a small flying insect with yellow and black stripes that makes honey |
| 9. <b>food</b> _____    | i. a small animal with six legs and often two wings                     |
| 10. <b>nature</b> _____ | j. the world of plants, animals, and other living things                |



## B. True or False

Write *T* (True) or *F* (False) for each statement.

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| 1. A bee has six legs and two wings. _____    | 4. Bees turn nectar into honey. _____                           | 7. Pollen helps plants make new seeds. _____                       |
| 2. Bees fly from one flower to another. _____ | 5. People have eaten honey for only a few years. _____          | 8. Without bees, we would have more apples and strawberries. _____ |
| 3. The home of a bee is called a hive. _____  | 6. Bees only make honey for people, not for their babies. _____ | 9. Bees are important for nature. _____                            |



### C. Fill in the Blanks

**Word Bank:** bee, honey, flower, busy, garden

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a small insect with yellow and black stripes.
2. Bees love to fly in \_\_\_\_\_ and fields.
3. Bees turn nectar into something sweet called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. People often say "as \_\_\_\_\_ as a bee" because bees never stop working.
5. When a bee visits a \_\_\_\_\_, it carries pollen to other plants.

### D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a bee look like?
2. What is the home of a bee called?
3. How do bees make honey?
4. Why is pollen important?
5. What should you do if you see a bee on a flower?

### E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever eaten honey? How does it taste?
2. What other small animals or insects do you see in your garden or park?
3. Why is it important to take care of bees and other animals in nature?

# Answer Key

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**A. Vocabulary:** 1-h, 2-i, 3-f, 4-e, 5-a, 6-g, 7-c, 8-d, 9-b, 10-j

**B. True/False:** 1-T, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

**C. Fill in the Blanks:** 1-bee, 2-garden, 3-honey, 4-busy, 5-flower

**D. Comprehension Questions:**

1. A bee is a small insect with six legs, two wings, and a yellow-and-black-striped body.
2. The home of a bee is called a hive.
3. Bees drink nectar from flowers and take it back to the hive, where they turn it into honey.
4. Pollen helps plants make new seeds and new fruits — without it we would have far fewer apples, strawberries, and many other foods.
5. You should watch quietly and not be afraid — the bee is busy doing an important job for nature.