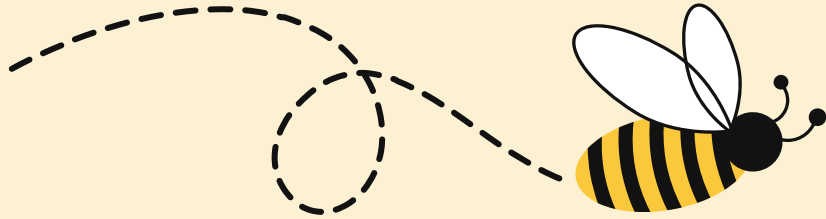
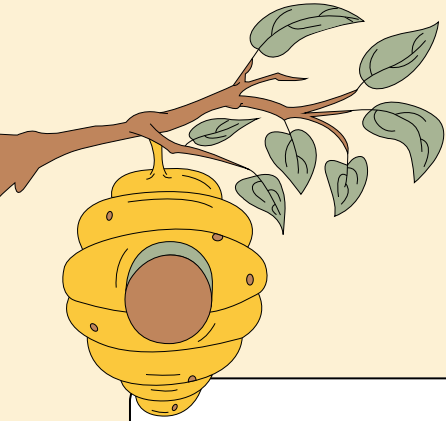


# READING COMPREHENSION

*Read the story below and then answer the comprehension questions on the next page.*



Deep in a lush forest, a colony of bees lived harmoniously with nature. The bees, with their furry black and yellow bodies, flitted from flower to flower, collecting nectar to bring back to their hives. They were tireless workers, buzzing about day and night to gather enough food for their queen and her growing brood. Their role in maintaining the balance of nature was crucial. Without them, gardens would wither and die. Their pollination helped plants reproduce and provided food for animals and humans. The bees worked faithfully, gathering up nectar and pollen from flowers and bringing them to their hive to make honey. Communicating with each other through intricate dance moves they worked together to protect their queen and maintain the hive. But one day, the bees noticed the flowers were disappearing, and the air was becoming polluted. They struggled to find enough food and began to suffer from diseases. The humans also noticed the decline and realized the importance of these little creatures. Taking action, they planted more flowers and reduced the use of harmful chemicals. The bees were able to recover and continue their vital role in the balance of nature. So the next time you see a bee buzzing about, take a moment to appreciate all that they do for us. Without them, life on earth would be a much less sweet and bountiful place.



# READING COMPREHENSION

Tick the true statements and cross out the false ones.

- 1 Bees collect honey from flowers.
- 2 Flowers need humans to survive.
- 3 Bees are important to the balance of nature.
- 4 Bees make nectar in their hive.

- 5 Complete the phrases with words from the story.

A colony of bees lived harmoniously \_\_\_\_\_

Their role in maintaining the balance \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Answer the question below using complete sentences.

Describe in your own words the important role of bees in nature.

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What do you think the world would look like without bees?

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