



Year 5 Worksheet 18: Comprehension Practice

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Passage:

The Amazing World of Bees

Bees are fascinating insects that play a crucial role in our ecosystem. There are over 20,000 species of bees worldwide, with honeybees being the most well-known. They live in colonies and work together to produce honey. Each bee has a specific role; some are foragers that collect nectar from flowers, while others are nurses that take care of the larvae.

Bees communicate through a series of dances that convey information about food sources. This unique form of communication is essential for their survival. Unfortunately, bee populations are declining due to habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change. Protecting bees is vital for maintaining healthy ecosystems, as they are important pollinators for many plants, including fruits and vegetables.



Activity 1: Multiple Choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. What is the primary role of bees in the ecosystem?

- A) Building nests
- B) Pollinating plants
- C) Collecting pollen
- D) Making wax

2. Which species of bee is the most well-known?

- A) Bumblebee
- B) Carpenter bee
- C) Honeybee
- D) Leafcutter bee

3. What do forager bees collect from flowers?

- A) Pollen
- B) Nectar
- C) Water
- D) Honey



4. What form of communication do bees use?

- A) Sound
- B) Dancing
- C) Touch
- D) Color changes

5. What is one major reason for the decline in bee populations?

- A) Increased food sources
- B) Habitat loss
- C) Better weather
- D) More flowers



Activity 2: True or False

1. Honey Bees live alone. _____
2. Bees have different roles within their colonies. _____
3. Climate change has no impact on bee populations. _____
4. Bees only pollinate flowers. _____
5. Protecting bees is important for ecosystems. _____

Activity 3: Short Answer

1. Name two roles that bees have in a colony. _____
2. Why is bee communication important? _____
3. List two threats to bee populations. _____
4. How do bees contribute to agriculture? _____
5. What would happen if bees disappeared? _____



Activity 4: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bees produce _____ from the nectar they collect.
2. The dance that bees perform is often called the _____ dance.
3. Many plants rely on bees for _____.
4. Honeybees can travel up to _____ miles from their hive to find food.
5. Protecting bee habitats can help combat _____ loss.



Answer Key

Activity 1

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. B

Activity 2

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True

Activity 3

1. Forager, Nurse (or other acceptable answers)
2. It helps them find food and communicate about resources.
3. Habitat loss, pesticides, climate change (or other acceptable answers)
4. They pollinate crops, leading to better yields.
5. It could lead to reduced plant diversity and food supply.

Activity 3

1. Honey
2. Waggle
3. Pollination
4. Three
5. Habitat



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