

Grade 4-6 Worksheet - Reading & Comprehension

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Why Bees Are Important

Bees play an important role in our environment. As bees move from flower to flower collecting nectar, they transfer pollen between plants. This process is called pollination. Pollination helps plants produce fruits, vegetables, and seeds.

Many of the foods we eat, including apples, strawberries, and almonds, depend on bees for pollination. Without bees, farmers would struggle to grow many crops. This could lead to food shortages and higher prices.

Bees also support ecosystems by helping plants grow and reproduce. When plants thrive, they provide food and shelter for other animals. Protecting bees is important for both people and the planet.



◆ Section 1: Literal Questions

1. What do bees collect from flowers?

2. What is pollination?

3. Name two foods mentioned in the passage that depend on bees?

4. Why would farmers struggle without bees?

5. How do bees help other animals?

◆ Section 2: Vocabulary in Context

1. Pollination

- a) Resting during winter
- b) The transfer of pollen between plants
- c) A type of fruit

2. Thrive

- a) To grow well
- b) To disappear
- c) To break apart

3. Ecosystem

- a) A classroom rule
- b) A type of insect
- c) A community of living things



◆ Section 3: Critical Thinking

1. Why might food prices increase if bees disappeared?

2. What can people do to protect bees?
