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How Bees Make Honey

Grades 1-2

Nonfiction

- 1 Honeybees are busy insects. They fly from flower to flower all day long.
- 2 Inside each flower is a sweet juice called nectar. A bee sips the nectar with its long tongue and keeps it in a special honey stomach.
- 3 When its honey stomach is full, the bee flies back to the hive. It passes the nectar to other bees.
- 4 The bees put the nectar into little wax rooms called cells. Many cells together make a honeycomb.
- 5 Next, the bees fan their wings over the cells. The moving air dries out the nectar, and it slowly turns thick and sticky. Now it is honey!
- 6 The bees close each cell with wax. They save the honey to eat in winter, when there are no flowers.

Draw something you learned from this text.

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Questions: How Bees Make Honey

Read the passage again if you need to. Circle the best answer.

1. What is nectar?

- ☐ a A kind of wax
- ☐ c A bee house

- ☐ b A sweet juice inside flowers
- ☐ d A bee's wing

2. Where do bees put the nectar?

- ☐ a In wax cells
- ☐ c In a flower

- ☐ b In the grass
- ☐ d In a pond

3. Why do bees fan their wings over the cells?

- ☐ a To keep warm
- ☐ c To dry out the nectar

- ☐ b To fly away
- ☐ d To make noise

4. In the text, what is a honeycomb?

- ☐ a A brush for bees
- ☐ c A kind of flower

- ☐ b Many wax cells together
- ☐ d A bee's tongue

5. Why do bees save honey for winter?

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. b) A sweet juice inside flowers
2. a) In wax cells
3. c) To dry out the nectar
4. b) Many wax cells together
5. Sample answer: There are no flowers in winter, so the bees need stored honey to eat.