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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?

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Pip Finds a Friend

Grades 1-2

Fiction

- 1 Pip was a small brown puppy with one white ear. He lived on a farm with a big red barn.
- 2 One morning, Pip heard a sad little sound. "Peep, peep!" It came from the tall grass by the pond.
- 3 Pip pushed the grass with his nose. There sat a tiny yellow duckling, all alone. It had lost its mother.
- 4 Pip wagged his tail. He walked slowly to the pond, and the duckling followed him. Peep, peep, peep!
- 5 At the water, a mother duck was calling. The duckling ran to her and tucked under her wing.
- 6 The next day, the duckling waddled up to the barn to find Pip. From then on, the two were best friends.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Questions: Pip Finds a Friend

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

1. What color was the duckling?

☐ a Brown

☐ c White

☐ b Yellow

☐ d Red

2. Where did Pip find the duckling?

☐ a In the barn

☐ c In the tall grass by the pond

☐ b Under a tree

☐ d In the house

3. What happened after Pip walked to the pond?

☐ a The duckling found its mother

☐ c The duckling flew away

☐ b Pip went to sleep

☐ d It started to rain

4. What is this story mostly about?

☐ a How ducks swim

☐ c A big red barn

☐ b A puppy who helps a lost duckling

☐ d A farmer and his dog

5. How do you know Pip was kind? Use a detail from the story.

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Frogs Grow Up

Grades 1-2

Nonfiction

- 1 A frog does not start life looking like a frog. It changes a lot as it grows. These changes are called a life cycle.
- 2 First, a mother frog lays eggs in the water. The eggs are soft and look like jelly.
- 3 Next, a tadpole hatches from each egg. A tadpole has a long tail and lives underwater. It breathes with gills, like a fish.
- 4 As the tadpole grows, it gets back legs and then front legs. Now it is called a froglet.
- 5 The froglet's tail gets shorter and shorter. It grows lungs so it can breathe air.
- 6 Last, the froglet becomes an adult frog. It can hop on land and swim in the water. Someday it may lay eggs, and the life cycle starts again.

Draw something you learned from this text.

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Questions: Frogs Grow Up

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

1. Where does a mother frog lay her eggs?

☐ a In a nest

☐ c Under a rock

☐ b In the water

☐ d In a tree

2. What hatches from a frog egg?

☐ a A froglet

☐ c A tadpole

☐ b A fish

☐ d An adult frog

3. What does a tadpole use to breathe underwater?

☐ a Lungs

☐ c Its tail

☐ b Gills

☐ d Its legs

4. In the text, what does "life cycle" mean?

☐ a A bike for frogs

☐ c A frog's pond

☐ b The changes an animal goes through as it grows

☐ d A kind of egg

5. Put the stages in order: froglet, egg, adult frog, tadpole.

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The Lost Red Mitten

Grades 1-2

Fiction

- 1 It was a snowy day, and Lena went out to play. She wore her warm coat, her blue hat and her new red mittens.
- 2 Lena built a snowman with a carrot nose. She made snow angels and threw snowballs with her brother, Sam.
- 3 When it was time to go inside, Lena looked at her hands. One red mitten was gone!
- 4 Lena and Sam looked everywhere. They looked by the snowman. They looked by the snow angels. No mitten.
- 5 Then Sam laughed and pointed. The snowman was wearing the red mitten on the end of his stick arm!
- 6 "You gave it to him when you made his arms," said Sam. Lena giggled, took back her mitten and went inside for hot cocoa.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Questions: The Lost Red Mitten

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

1. What color were Lena's mittens?

☐ a Blue

☐ c Red

☐ b Green

☐ d White

2. Who played with Lena?

☐ a Her friend Mia

☐ c Her dad

☐ b Her brother Sam

☐ d Her dog

3. Where was the lost mitten?

☐ a In her pocket

☐ c Under the snow angel

☐ b On the snowman's arm

☐ d In the house

4. What did Lena do at the end?

☐ a Built another snowman

☐ c Lost her hat

☐ b Went inside for hot cocoa

☐ d Went to sleep

5. How did the mitten get on the snowman?

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

How Bees Make Honey

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.

Pip Finds a Friend

1. b) Yellow
2. c) In the tall grass by the pond
3. a) The duckling found its mother
4. b) A puppy who helps a lost duckling
5. Sample answer: Pip helped the lost duckling by walking slowly so it could follow him to its mother.

Frogs Grow Up

1. b) In the water
2. c) A tadpole
3. b) Gills
4. b) The changes an animal goes through as it grows
5. Sample answer: Egg, tadpole, froglet, adult frog.

The Lost Red Mitten

1. c) Red
2. b) Her brother Sam
3. b) On the snowman's arm
4. b) Went inside for hot cocoa
5. Sample answer: Lena put it there by mistake when she made the snowman's stick arms.