

Recounting Ideas from a Read-Aloud

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Quick Review

When someone reads a text aloud, listen for the main idea and the details. After listening, you can retell the key ideas in your own words.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

To be read aloud by an adult — Busy Bees

Bees are small insects that do a very big job. They live together in a home called a hive. Inside the hive there can be thousands of bees, and they all work as a team.

Bees fly from flower to flower to find a sweet liquid called nectar. They carry the nectar back to the hive. Inside the hive, the bees turn the nectar into honey. Honey is food for the bees, and people like to eat it too.

When bees move from flower to flower, they also carry tiny yellow dust called pollen. Pollen helps flowers and plants make seeds and grow. This is why bees are so important to gardens and farms.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Ask an adult or older student to read the passage aloud. Then answer the questions without looking at the passage.

1. What is the read-aloud MOSTLY about?
 - A. how to plant a garden
 - B. bees and the work they do
 - C. how to make a hive at home
 - D. the color yellow
2. What is the home of bees called?
 - A. a nest
 - B. a hive
 - C. a den
 - D. a barn



3. What do bees find in flowers?
 - A. nectar
 - B. leaves
 - C. rocks
 - D. water
4. What do bees make from nectar?
 - A. pollen
 - B. seeds
 - C. honey
 - D. wax
5. Why are bees important to gardens and farms?
 - A. they eat all the flowers
 - B. they carry pollen that helps plants grow
 - C. they dig holes in the ground
 - D. they make loud sounds
6. Which sentence is the BEST main idea of the read-aloud?
 - A. Bees are loud and scary.
 - B. Bees live alone in trees.
 - C. Bees are insects that make honey and help plants grow.
 - D. Bees only fly at night.
7. According to the read-aloud, bees work together as a team.
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8. If a friend says bees live alone, what should you do?
 - A. agree with the friend
 - B. say nothing
 - C. remind the friend that bees live together in a hive
 - D. change the subject
9. Write ONE sentence that tells the main idea of the read-aloud in your own words.

10. Write TWO details you remember from the read-aloud.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 T F
- 8 A B C D
- 9
- 10

Explanations

1. B	The passage tells about bees and the jobs they do.
2. B	The passage says bees live in a home called a hive.
3. A	The passage says bees fly to flowers to find nectar.
4. C	The passage says bees turn nectar into honey.
5. B	The passage says bees carry pollen that helps plants grow.
6. C	It tells the big idea of the whole passage.
7. T	The passage says all the bees work as a team.
8. C	Listening for details lets you correct a mistake.
9.	Answer: Example: Bees make honey and help plants grow by carrying pollen. Accept any sentence that captures the overall idea.
10.	Answer: Example: Bees live in a hive. Bees turn nectar into honey. Accept any two facts from the passage.



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