

Text Evidence in Nonfiction

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Quick Review

To answer questions about nonfiction, find proof in the text. Point back to a sentence or fact in the passage — don't guess from what you already know.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Busy Honeybee

Honeybees are small insects, but they do a very big job. Each bee in a hive has its own work. The queen bee lays all the eggs. Worker bees, which are all female, gather food, build the hive, and care for the young. A few male bees, called drones, help the queen but do not gather food.

When a worker bee finds flowers full of nectar, she flies back to the hive. To tell the other bees where the flowers are, she dances. The pattern of her dance shows the direction and the distance to the food. Soon many bees fly out to gather more nectar.

Honeybees turn nectar into honey by chewing it and storing it in tiny cells inside the hive. The hive stores honey for the cold months when no flowers bloom. Without bees, many plants would not have seeds or fruit, because bees help carry pollen from flower to flower as they work.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Choose the best answer for each question. Show your work for short answers.

- Which bee in the hive lays all the eggs?
 - the queen bee
 - the worker bee
 - the drone bee
 - the youngest bee
- What job do worker bees do that drones do NOT do?
 - They help the queen.
 - They live in the hive.
 - They gather food and build the hive.
 - They are part of the family of bees.



3. How does a worker bee tell the other bees WHERE the flowers are?
 - A. She buzzes loudly outside the hive.
 - B. She leaves a trail of nectar.
 - C. She dances in a special pattern.
 - D. She flies in a circle around the hive door.
4. Which sentence from the passage proves that bees plan ahead for winter?
 - A. "Honeybees are small insects, but they do a very big job."
 - B. "The queen bee lays all the eggs."
 - C. "The hive stores honey for the cold months when no flowers bloom."
 - D. "Many bees fly out to gather more nectar."
5. What evidence shows that bees help plants?
 - A. Bees dance to find flowers.
 - B. Bees carry pollen from flower to flower as they work.
 - C. Bees live inside a hive together.
 - D. Bees chew nectar into honey.
6. Write one sentence from the passage that shows that the bees in a hive work together.

7. Why might the writer call the honeybee "busy"?
 - A. Bees are always loud.
 - B. Bees have many different jobs to do in the hive.
 - C. Bees never sleep.
 - D. Bees travel to many countries.
8. Based on the passage, what would MOST LIKELY happen if all the bees in a hive disappeared?
 - A. The queen would gather food herself.
 - B. Many plants would not make seeds or fruit.
 - C. Drones would build a new hive.
 - D. Worker bees from another hive would arrive.
9. Which sentence is BEST supported by evidence from the passage?
 - A. Bees can live without flowers.
 - B. Every bee in a hive has the same job.
 - C. Honeybees help each other and help plants too.
 - D. Only the queen bee can make honey.



10. What is one fact you learned about bees from this passage? Write a complete sentence and underline the words from the text that gave you the fact.



Answer Keys

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Explanations	
1. A	Paragraph 1 says the queen lays all the eggs. Workers gather food, drones help the queen but do not lay eggs.
2. C	Paragraph 1: workers gather food and build the hive; drones help the queen but do not gather food. The other choices are true of BOTH workers and drones.
3. C	Paragraph 2 says she dances and the pattern shows direction and distance. The other choices sound like guesses about bee behavior.
4. C	Storing honey for cold months is the planning. A is a general statement; B is about eggs; D is about gathering nectar, not winter.
5. B	Paragraph 3 names pollen-carrying as the help bees give plants. A is about finding flowers; C and D are true bee facts but not about HELPING the plants.
6.	Answer: Examples: “Each bee in a hive has its own work.” “Worker bees gather food, build the hive, and care for the young.” “Soon many bees fly out to gather more nectar.” Accept any sentence that shows shared jobs in the hive.
7. B	The passage lists many jobs — gathering, building, caring, dancing, storing. The other options are not supported by the text.
8. B	Paragraph 3 says bees help carry pollen, which lets plants make seeds. The other options guess at events the text does not support.
9. C	Multiple paragraphs support C. A is the opposite of stored honey from flowers; B is the opposite of paragraph 1; D is wrong — workers make honey.
10.	Answer: Any clear fact from the text with a citation phrase like “The passage says...” Accept any factual answer that the student can point to in the text.

