

Investigating the Magnificent Honeybee

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report to describe the life and habits of the honeybee.

Read the report below about Bea the Honeybee's colony. Then, answer the questions to test your understanding of how reports are structured.

Honeybees are fascinating insects that play a vital role in our environment. A single colony can contain up to 50,000 bees, all working together in a highly organised hive. The queen bee is the leader, while the worker bees spend their days collecting nectar and pollen from colourful flowers. When bees move from flower to flower, they help with pollination, which allows plants to grow seeds and fruit. The body of a honeybee is divided into three parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They also have two pairs of wings and five eyes, helping them to navigate the garden with incredible precision.

Word bank: subheading · habitat · colony · pollination · nectar · abdomen

1. According to the text, what is the main job of a worker bee? (2 marks)

2. Why is the process of pollination important for the planet? (2 marks)

3. List the three parts of a honeybee's body mentioned in the report. (3 marks)

4. Look at the passage. If you were writing a report, which subheading would be best for the paragraph provided? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think the author used factual language rather than made-up stories in this report? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a honeybee and use labels to point out the head, thorax, and abdomen, just like a real scientist would in a report.



Extension challenge: Choose another garden creature, such as a ladybird or a butterfly. Write one paragraph about it, ensuring you include at least two technical words from the word bank.