

Reporting on the Wonders of Nature with Bea the Bee

Learning objective: To identify and use key vocabulary and features of non-chronological reports.

Read the report below about the life of a honeybee. Use the word bank to help you understand the formal language used to inform the reader. Answer the questions that follow.

The Honeybee: Nature's Little Worker. Introduction: Honeybees are fascinating insects known for their hard work and vital role in our environment. Classification: The honeybee belongs to the insect family. They have six legs, two pairs of wings, and a segmented body. Appearance: Honeybees have a distinct gold and black striped pattern. They are covered in tiny hairs which help them collect pollen from flowers. Habitat: These insects live in large colonies inside a hive. They can be found in meadows, gardens, and woodlands all over the world. Diet: Honeybees feed on nectar from flowers and store it as honey to eat during the winter months. Predatory threats include birds and spiders, so they must work together to stay safe.

Word bank: Habitat · Classification · Appearance · Diet · Predator · Factual · Subheading · Introduction · Environment

1. Using the text, list two physical features of a honeybee that help you identify its appearance. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think the author has used subheadings like 'Diet' and 'Habitat' in this report? (2 marks)

3. Is this report written to entertain the reader with a story or to inform the reader with facts? Explain your choice. (2 marks)

4. Based on the report, what is the main purpose of the tiny hairs on a honeybee's body? (1 mark)

5. Find one word in the passage that means the same as 'a place where an animal lives'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a honeybee, using arrows to point out the features mentioned in the 'Appearance' section of the report.



Extension challenge: Choose an animal you like and write your own short paragraph for a report, using the subheading 'Diet'. Remember to use formal, factual language rather than personal opinions.