

# Investigating the Secret Life of the Garden Hive

*Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report, including subheadings, technical vocabulary, and present tense.*

Read the report below written by Bea the honeybee. After reading, answer the questions to show your understanding of report writing features.

The Honeybee: Nature's Busy Worker

## Introduction

Honeybees are fascinating insects that play a vital role in our environment. They live in large groups called colonies and work together to support their queen.

## Physical Features

Like all insects, the honeybee has a body divided into three parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They have two pairs of wings and six legs. Their mouthparts, known as mandibles, are used for chewing and handling wax.

## Life in the Hive

Every bee has a specific job. Some bees act as guards, while others are foragers. Foragers fly out to collect nectar from flowers. Through a process called pollination, they help plants grow. When they return to the hive, they perform a special 'waggle dance' to tell other bees where the best flowers are located.

## Habitat

Honeybees build their homes in hives. In the wild, they often choose hollow tree trunks. Beekeepers provide wooden boxes to help the bees stay safe and warm during the winter months.

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

**1. Why has the author used subheadings in this report? (2 marks)**

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**2. According to the text, what is the main purpose of the 'waggle dance'? (2 marks)**

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**3. List three physical features of a honeybee mentioned in the passage. (3 marks)**

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**4. Identify one piece of technical vocabulary from the text and explain what it means in your own words. (2 marks)**

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**5. Is this text written in the past, present, or future tense? Give an example to support your answer. (2 marks)**

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**Draw: Draw a diagram of a honeybee and label the three body parts mentioned in the report: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen.**



*Extension challenge: Choose another garden creature, such as an earthworm or a ladybird. Write one paragraph about it, using a subheading and at least two technical words.*