Hive Voice Watch

Track how writers spotlight doers and actions.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1b "Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each active-voice action verb phrase, where the subject does the action. Circle each passive-voice verb phrase, where the subject receives the action.

Inside a Honeybee Hive

1 On a warm morning, worker honeybees leave the hive to search for nectar and pollen. A bee may visit hundreds of flowers during one trip. Nectar is carried back in a special stomach, while pollen is packed onto hairy baskets on the bee's legs. At the hive, the gathered nectar is passed to other workers. These workers fan their wings, and water is removed from the nectar. The thickened food becomes honey, which is stored in wax cells.

2 Inside the hive, different jobs are performed by workers of different ages. Young workers clean cells and feed larvae, which are the developing bees. Later, some workers guard the entrance. Others receive nectar from returning foragers and place it in cells. The queen lays eggs, but she does not direct every task. Her chemical signals help organize the colony. Male bees, called drones, are raised mainly to mate with a queen from another colony. In cold weather, the hive is kept warm by workers that cluster together.

3 Beekeepers sometimes inspect hives to check the health of a colony. During an inspection, frames are lifted carefully so the wax comb is not damaged. A beekeeper may look for eggs, larvae, stored honey, and signs of disease. If a colony becomes crowded, a new queen cell can be built by the workers. Then part of the colony may leave with a queen to form a new home, a process called swarming. Healthy hives pollinate many flowering plants, and crops are helped when bees carry pollen between blossoms.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Is the sentence “Nectar is carried back in a special stomach” written in active or passive voice? Explain what receives the action.

2. Rewrite this sentence in active voice: “In cold weather, the hive is kept warm by workers that cluster together.”

3. Rewrite this sentence in passive voice: “Young workers clean cells and feed larvae.”

4. Rewrite this sentence in passive voice: “Healthy hives pollinate many flowering plants.”

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about a process you know, such as recycling, cooking, or preparing for a class event. Include at least one active-voice sentence and one passive-voice sentence, then write A or P after each sentence to identify its voice.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 8 · L.8.1b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each active-voice action verb phrase, where the subject does the action. Circle each passive-voice verb phrase, where the subject receives the action. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Is the sentence "Nectar is carried back in a special stomach" written in active or passive voice? Explain what receives the action.	**Passive voice. Nectar receives the action of being carried.**
2	Rewrite this sentence in active voice: "In cold weather, the hive is kept warm by workers that cluster together."	**In cold weather, workers that cluster together keep the hive warm.**
3	Rewrite this sentence in passive voice: "Young workers clean cells and feed larvae."	**Cells are cleaned and larvae are fed by young workers.**
4	Rewrite this sentence in passive voice: "Healthy hives pollinate many flowering plants."	**Many flowering plants are pollinated by healthy hives.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Students sort plastic bottles into a recycling bin. A The bottles are collected by a recycling crew. P At a recycling center, machines turn the plastic into new materials. A

Accept equivalent active or passive rewrites that preserve the original meaning, tense, and important details. For the open task, accept any accurate three-sentence response with correctly identified active and passive voice.