Bee Word Pictures

Figurative language shows how connected ideas work together.

3.T.SS.2.b "Use figurative language, such as similes, metaphors, and idioms, to show relationships between ideas and information. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the simile, circle the metaphors, and put a box around the idiom. These phrases show how bees, flowers, seeds, and food are connected.

Bees in the Garden

1. At the school garden, Mia watched honeybees visit the flowers. A bee moved from blossom to blossom like a tiny mail carrier, picking up pollen. The pollen stuck to fuzzy hairs on its body. When the bee landed on another flower of the same kind, some pollen rubbed off. This helps many plants make seeds.

2. Bees visit flowers in the garden. Flowers offer nectar and pollen. Nectar is a sweet liquid that bees drink. Pollen gives bees protein. The garden was a colorful cafeteria for the bees, with many kinds of flowers to choose from. If one kind of flower has little nectar, bees can then visit another kind nearby.

3. On a warm morning, the bees got down to business. They flew between flowers and carried pollen as they searched for food. Later, Mia saw small green pods on bean plants. The bees had helped the plants make seeds, so the garden could grow more beans. For Mia, the busy bees were a bridge between bright flowers and her snack.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which words make a simile about a bee? Copy the words.

2. How is a bee like a mail carrier in this passage?

3. The bees "got down to business." What were they doing?

4. What does calling bees "a bridge between bright flowers and her snack" show?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about an animal or plant doing an important job. Use one simile, one metaphor, and one idiom to show relationships between ideas.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.T.SS.2.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the simile, circle the metaphors, and put a box around the idiom. These phrases show how bees, flowers, seeds, and food are connected. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which words make a simile about a bee? Copy the words.	**like a tiny mail carrier**
2	How is a bee like a mail carrier in this passage?	**A bee carries pollen from flower to flower, like a mail carrier carries mail from place to place.**
3	The bees “got down to business.” What were they doing?	**They started working by flying between flowers, searching for food, and carrying pollen.**
4	What does calling bees “a bridge between bright flowers and her snack” show?	**Bees help flowers make seeds, which can grow into bean plants that provide Mia's snack.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A squirrel raced across the yard like a little rocket. The oak tree was a snack shop, holding acorns in its branches. Before winter, the squirrel got down to business and gathered food.

Accept student responses that use a clear simile, metaphor, and idiom and connect each phrase to the animal's or plant's job. The figurative language may differ from the sample if its meaning fits the ideas in the writing.