

Bee Hotel Basics

See how a writer explains one topic with focused facts.

4W2 "Write informative/explanatory texts to explore a topic and convey ideas and information relevant to the subject."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the main topic. Circle three details that help explain that topic, so you can see how the writer keeps the information focused.

A Home for Native Bees

- ① Native bees need safe places to lay eggs, and a bee hotel can provide one. A bee hotel is a bundle of dry, hollow tubes or small holes drilled in untreated wood. Unlike honey bees, many native bees live alone. A female bee places pollen and nectar in a tube, lays an egg, and seals the opening.
- ② People can build a simple bee hotel by tying paper straws inside a clean can or by drilling holes into a block of wood. The tubes should be smooth and closed at one end, so young bees stay protected. Place the hotel where it gets morning sun and is sheltered from heavy rain. Do not use pesticides nearby.
- ③ A bee hotel does not replace flowers, water, and wild spaces, but it can help some bees find nesting spots. Bees move pollen from flower to flower as they collect food. This pollination helps many plants make seeds and fruit. By offering a careful nesting place and planting native flowers, people can support bees in their neighborhoods.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What main topic does the writer explain?

2 What detail from paragraph 1 explains what a female bee does inside a tube?

3 How does paragraph 2 add useful information about bee hotels? Give two actions a person can take.

4 How does the last paragraph connect bee hotels to plants and neighborhoods?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a five-sentence informative paragraph about caring for a library book. Begin with a clear topic sentence, include at least three useful details, and end with a closing sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the main topic. Circle three details that help explain that topic, so you can see how the writer keeps the information focused. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What main topic does the writer explain?	The writer explains bee hotels for native bees.
2	What detail from paragraph 1 explains what a female bee does inside a tube?	She puts pollen and nectar in the tube, lays an egg, and seals the opening.
3	How does paragraph 2 add useful information about bee hotels? Give two actions a person can take.	It explains how to make and place a bee hotel. A person can tie paper straws inside a clean can or place the hotel in morning sun away from heavy rain.
4	How does the last paragraph connect bee hotels to plants and neighborhoods?	Bee hotels can help bees find nesting spots. Bees pollinate plants, and people can support bees by providing nesting places and native flowers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Library books last longer when readers handle them carefully. Keep food and drinks away, because spills can stain pages. Use a bookmark instead of folding a page corner. Carry the book in a bag so its cover does not bend. Careful habits help the next reader enjoy the book.

Accept equivalent statements that identify bee hotels as the topic and use accurate details from the passage. For the paragraph, accept any focused topic with five sentences, three relevant details, and a closing sentence.