Beehive Jobs

Find details that show how a honey bee colony works.

2.RI.1.B "Retell key details of texts that demonstrate an understanding of the main topics of texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail in each paragraph that tells what bees do. Number the details 1, 2, and 3 to help you retell the text's main topics.

A Busy Beehive

1. Worker honey bees leave the hive to find flowers. A bee drinks nectar with its long tongue and stores it in a special stomach. Yellow pollen sticks to the bee's hairy body as it moves from flower to flower.

2. Back at the hive, the bee passes nectar to another worker. The workers place the nectar in wax cells. They fan their wings to dry the nectar. When it becomes honey, bees cover each cell with a wax cap.

3. Inside the hive, nurse bees feed baby bees, called larvae. Other workers clean the hive and guard its entrance. The queen lays eggs. All of these jobs help the colony stay safe, clean, and supplied with food.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Retell how a worker bee gathers nectar outside the hive. Include two details.

2. What happens to nectar at the hive before it becomes honey? Retell two steps.

3. Retell two jobs that help the colony inside the hive.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence retell of "A Busy Beehive." Tell a main topic from each paragraph, and include one key detail in each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RI.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail in each paragraph that tells what bees do. Number the details 1, 2, and 3 to help you retell the text's main topics. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Retell how a worker bee gathers nectar outside the hive. Include two details.	**A worker bee finds flowers, drinks nectar with its long tongue, and stores the nectar in a special stomach.**
2	What happens to nectar at the hive before it becomes honey? Retell two steps.	**A bee passes the nectar to another worker, and workers put it in wax cells and fan their wings to dry it.**
3	Retell two jobs that help the colony inside the hive.	**Nurse bees feed larvae, and other workers clean the hive or guard its entrance. The queen also lays eggs.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Worker bees visit flowers, drink nectar with their long tongues, and carry it in special stomachs. In the hive, workers put nectar into wax cells and fan it until it becomes honey. Nurse bees feed larvae while other bees clean and guard the hive.

Accept accurate retells that include a main idea from each paragraph and details stated in the passage. Students may choose different correct details from the third paragraph, such as feeding larvae, cleaning, guarding, or laying eggs.