

Honeybee Helpers

Use headings and a caption to preview and understand an informational text.

2.RI.2 "Craft and Style Use text features (table of contents, headings, pictures, captions, maps, and charts) to preview, set a purpose for reading and gain information. Identify the main purpose of a text..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the three numbered headings and underline the picture caption. These text features help you preview what each part will explain.

Honeybee Jobs

- ① A Bee's Body A honeybee has six legs, two wings, and fuzzy hairs. The hairs pick up pollen, yellow dust made by flowers. [Picture caption: Pollen sticks to hairs on a bee's hind legs.]
- ② Moving Pollen A bee drinks nectar from a flower. Pollen may stick to its body. At the next flower, some pollen rubs off. This helps the flower make seeds.
- ③ Making Honey Bees take nectar to their hive. Worker bees change the nectar into honey and store it in wax cells. The hive uses honey as food when flowers are hard to find.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Before reading, which numbered heading would help you find out how bees help flowers make seeds?

- 2 Does the author mainly answer, explain, or describe? What does the author want readers to learn?

- 3 What information do you gain from the picture caption?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a living thing. Write a heading and a picture caption for a short informational text about it. Then write whether your text would answer, explain, or describe something.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the three numbered headings and underline the picture caption. These text features help you preview what each part will explain. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Before reading, which numbered heading would help you find out how bees help flowers make seeds?	2. Moving Pollen
2	Does the author mainly answer, explain, or describe? What does the author want readers to learn?	The author mainly explains how honeybees move pollen and make honey.
3	What information do you gain from the picture caption?	Pollen sticks to hairs on a bee's hind legs.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Heading: How Sea Turtles Swim Caption: A sea turtle uses its strong front flippers to move through water. My text would explain how a sea turtle swims.

Accept Question 1 only if the student identifies heading 2, "Moving Pollen." For Question 2, accept "explain" with a supported statement about pollen, honey, or both; accept accurate original headings, captions, and purposes in Part 3.