

Reading answers for parents Term 6 week 2

Monday Answers

- 1) The largest bee is the Wallace giant bee
- 2) The world's smallest bee is 4 mm long.
- 3) Bees are insects.
- 4) Bees can be found in nests or in beehives.
- 5) Males bees are called drones.
- 6) The drones only purpose is to mate with the queen bee so she can lay eggs.

Tuesday Answers

1)

Nectar		A powder inside flowers
		Used to make honey
		Fed to baby bees
Pollen		A sweet, sticky liquid

- 2) Bees carry the nectar in a nectar stomach.
- 3) They carry pollen in baskets on their back legs. Some pollen also sticks to their legs and bodies.
- 4) A bee has a long tongue that it uses like a straw. (Retrieval) This is useful for the bee to reach into the centre of a flower to get to the nectar. (inference)
- 5) The buzzing noise is made by a bees' wings as they flap really quickly and make vibrations.

Wednesday Answers

Vocabulary definitions

Murmured - spoke quietly

Zeus – The Greek god of the sky and thunder (the ruler of all the other gods)

Swarm - a big cloud of bees all flying together

Fond of – to like something

Pollen – a powdery substance inside flowers

Racked his brains – thought really hard

Sparingly – only use it now and then/ not very often

Quivered/quivering - shaking

1) In those days the bees had no stinger, they were defenceless.

2) B, C, E

3) He invented a tiny weapon (that could fit on the bee's tail)

4) They promised to only use the stinger when absolutely necessary.

Thursday Answers

1. Tick if the statement is true or false:

Statement	True	False
Zeus liked honey	x	
The queen was nervous to ask Zeus	x	
Zeus was rude to the queen when she arrived.		x

2. In what ways were the bees “slaving away all summer long”?

By gathering pollen from countless flowers and making it into honey

3) Why did Zeus agree to help the bees?

Because he felt sorry for the queen bee and he was also very fond of honey.

4) Order the events within the story:

Zeus gave the bees a sting as a weapon	4
A hand brushed the queen and took the honey	1
They flew to Zeus	2
Zeus laid a red velvet cushion down.	3

5) What do you predict will happen next?

Will the bees listen to Zeus and only use the weapon when provoked?

Friday answers

1. How did Zeus know the bees were being unkind?
Because his servant came back with stings all over him.
2. What does the author mean: "He was in a terrible state..."?
Need more explanation than he was stung
He was stung all over **AND** he was in a flap, all flustered, in pain, worried to speak to Zeus and explain
3. Order the events below in which they happened:

The servant was sent to collect honey for Zeus.	2
The Queen ordered the bees to sting a hand.	1
Zeus changed their power so that bees could only sting once.	5
The servant was in a terrible state.	3
The bees hurried back inside when they saw Zeus.	4

4. How were the bees feeling with their new power? Use information from the text.

. The bees were feeling ruthless because they could harm any threats. Additionally, they were acting arrogant/rude/unkind/egotistical

5. Why was Zeus cross?

Because the bees misused their power that was given to help them. They used this to inflict harm to others rather than to protect themselves.

6. What do you think the moral is behind this story?

To remain humble. To always be kind. To share.

Thursday Topic answers

- 1) Nurse bees look after larvae until they hatch
- 2) The largest bee in the hive is the queen
- 3) When the eggs hatch they are called larvae
- 4) A hive is where bees live.
- 5) Inside the hive there are lots of cells where the eggs are laid
- 6) The cells in the hive are filled with----- nectar which makes honey.

Larvae

look after larvae until they hatch

Hive

Cells

nectar

the queen