

Unit 4 Reading Worksheet 2

Name _____

1 Look, read and number the sentences.



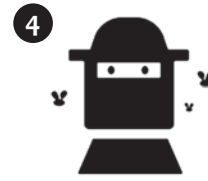
☐ Bees are insects.



☐ Beekeepers take care of bees.



☐ Honey is sweet.



☐ Flowers make a powder called pollen.



☐ Seeds grow into plants.

WHERE ARE THE BEES?



All around the world, bees are disappearing. Scientists and beekeepers say that this is very bad for us and for the environment. But why? Honey is delicious, but we can live without it. Why are bees so important?

Bees are important because they **pollinate** our plants. They move pollen from plant to plant so that the plants can make seeds. If plants can't make seeds, they can become extinct. Without plants, we can't eat! So what's happening?

There aren't any clear answers, but there are some **theories**.

• **Pesticides:** Some people think pesticides—**poisons** that kill insects— are killing bees. Some farmers use pesticides on **crops** that bees pollinate.

• **Climate Change:** Our weather is changing. Some places are too hot for bees. Some scientists say that bees are dying because of the heat.

• **Diet:** Some beekeepers feed their bees processed sugar because it is easy and inexpensive. Some people say this diet is very bad for the bees.

Other people think that bees are getting sick, or that they are tired from too much work. We don't know why the bees are disappearing, but we can't ignore it. Try to learn more when you have got a little time!

2 Read and circle the correct option.

1. It is **good** / **bad** that bees are disappearing all around the world.
2. Bees pollinate our plants by helping plants make **seeds** / **honey**.
3. **Everybody** / **Nobody** knows why the bees are disappearing.
4. It is possible that pesticides are **killing** / **helping** a lot of bees.
5. Climate change is making the world too **cool** / **hot** for some bees.
6. Processed sugar is **a healthy** / **an inexpensive** diet for bees.
7. Some scientists think **beekeepers** / **bees** are getting tired or sick.

Glossary

pollinate: to move pollen to help seeds grow

theories: ideas

poisons: substances that cause illness or death

crops: plants grown for food