



# The Life of a Honey Bee



Honey bees are small insects that live together in large groups called colonies. A colony of bees lives inside a hive. Each bee has an important job to do.

The queen bee lays all the eggs.  
 Worker bees collect nectar and pollen from flowers.  
 They use the nectar to make honey.  
 Drone bees help the colony grow.

Bees communicate with each other by moving their bodies in a special "waggle dance." This dance helps other bees find flowers nearby.

Honey bees are very important because they help pollinate plants. Pollination helps fruits, vegetables, and flowers grow.



1. Where does a bee colony live?  
 Tick one.

- A pack
- A colony
- A swarm house

2. What does the word pollinate mean in the text?  
 Tick one.

- To help plants grow
- To build a hive
- To collect honey

3. Find and copy one word that means "near".

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why do you think worker bees must work together?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Number these in the correct order.

- Bees collect nectar.
- Flowers grow.
- Honey is made.

6. True or False?

Drone bees collect nectar from flowers.

Circle one.

True / False

7. Why is the waggle dance important?

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\_\_\_\_\_

8. Write one sentence to explain what the text is mostly about.

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\_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary Match

Draw a line to match the word to its meaning.

Nectar

• A home for bees

Hive

• Sweet liquid from flowers

Pollination

• Helping plants grow

### 9. Challenge Question

What do you think might happen if there were no bees?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Extension Activity

Draw and label:

- a queen bee
- a worker bee
- a hive



Bees may be small, but they have a big job to help our world!



# Compound Words

A compound word is made when two smaller words are put together to make a new word with a new meaning.

Example: sun + flower = sunflower

Examples:

	+		=				+		=				+		=	
sun		flower		sunflower		rain		bow		rainbow		foot		ball		football

1 Match the two words to make a compound word. Write it on the line.



<span>butter</span>	• •	<span>shell</span>	_____
<span>tooth</span>	• •	<span>ball</span>	_____
<span>sea</span>	• •	<span>fly</span>	_____
<span>post</span>	• •	<span>paste</span>	_____
<span>snow</span>	• •	<span>man</span>	_____

2 Can you name these compound words? Write the compound word for each picture.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Tick the compound words.

Tick ✓ the words that are compound words.

<span>rainbow</span>	<span>paper</span>	<span>football</span>	<span>tall</span>
<span>sunshine</span>	<span>cupcake</span>	<span>book</span>	<span>raincoat</span>
<span>bedroom</span>	<span>happy</span>	<span>toothbrush</span>	<span>chair</span>
<span>butterfly</span>	<span>dog</span>	<span>lighthouse</span>	<span>play</span>

4 Add one word from the box to each word below to make a compound word.

paper board fall light house berry

blue \_\_\_\_\_ tree \_\_\_\_\_  
 sun \_\_\_\_\_ key \_\_\_\_\_  
 news \_\_\_\_\_ water \_\_\_\_\_

5 Write a sentence for one of the compound words you found today.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Look for compound words all around you - in books, signs and every day!



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# How to Build a Bird Feeder



Read the instructions for the first one.

Then choose the correct instruction from the bank and write it under the matching picture.

## 1 Gather your materials.

You will need: a plastic bottle, two wooden spoons, string, bird seed and scissors.



### Instruction Bank

Fill the bottle with bird seed. • Tie a piece of string around the neck of the bottle. • Hang the feeder from a tree branch.

Push one spoon through each side of the bottle. ➤

Your bird feeder is ready!



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\_\_\_\_\_

7 Why do we put spoons through the sides of the bottle?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8 True or False? Tick one.

You should use metal spoons.

True  False

9 What might happen if you don't hang the feeder high enough?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Top Tip!

Keep your feeder full of seeds so the birds will keep coming back!



★ **Challenge:** Can you think of another material you could use to make a bird feeder?

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# VOCABULARY DETECTIVE



Read the passage carefully, then solve the vocabulary clues!



## THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND

Tom stepped off the small boat onto the island. The air was warm and **humid**, and a thick jungle surrounded him. Towering trees blocked out the sunlight, making the forest floor dark and **gloomy**.

He could hear the distant **roar** of waves crashing against the **jagged** rocks. Tom followed a narrow path that **twisted** through the undergrowth. Suddenly, he spotted an **ancient** temple, half hidden by vines and moss. It looked abandoned, but Tom felt a sense of **excitement**. An adventure was about to begin!

### 1 FIND AND COPY

Find and copy a word from the passage that means:

very big \_\_\_\_\_

not bright; dark \_\_\_\_\_

a long time ago \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 MATCH THE WORD TO ITS MEANING

- |         |     |                           |
|---------|-----|---------------------------|
| humid   | • • | very old                  |
| gloomy  | • • | crooked or turning        |
| roar    | • • | rough with sharp edges    |
| ancient | • • | making a deep, loud sound |
| twisted | • • | warm and very damp        |
| jagged  | • • | dark and sad              |

### 3 USE THE CLUES

Read each sentence from the passage. What does the underlined word mean? Tick the best answer.

- a) The forest floor was dark and gloomy.
- bright and cheerful  
 wet and muddy  
 dark and sad
- b) He heard the distant roar of waves.
- a quiet whisper  
 a loud, deep sound  
 the sound of animals

### 4 POWERFUL WORD HUNT



Circle in the passage:

- **two adjectives** (describing words)
- **two verbs** (doing words)
- **one noun** (a naming word)

### 5 SYNONYM DETECTIVE



Find a word in the passage that means the same as:

- happy or thrilled \_\_\_\_\_
- scared or afraid \_\_\_\_\_
- bumpy or rough \_\_\_\_\_

### 7 REPLACE THE BORING WORD



The word nice is boring! Replace it with a better adjective from the passage (or another exciting word) to improve the sentence.

The island was nice. \_\_\_\_\_

### 8 YOUR TURN!



Choose one interesting word from the passage. Write your own sentence using it.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Can you think of another word that could be used instead of each word below? Write a better word on the line.

small → \_\_\_\_\_ followed → \_\_\_\_\_ looked → \_\_\_\_\_

### DETECTIVE BADGE

Great work! You are a brilliant Vocabulary Detective!



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# SAMPLE BUNDLE ANSWERS

Vocabulary • Reading • Instructions • Comprehension

**Answer-check note:** Use these answers as a guide to support your thinking. Your wording may be different — what matters most is that your answer makes sense and is supported clearly.

## WORKSHEET 1: COMPOUND WORDS

### Answer Sheet

#### 1 Match the Compound Words

butter + fly = butterfly  
tooth + paste = toothpaste  
sea + shell = seashell  
post + box = postbox  
snow + man = snowman



#### 2 Name the Compound Words

1. lighthouse 2. cupcake 3. raincoat 4. scarecrow  
5. ladybird 6. basketball 7. campfire 8. butterfly

#### 3 Tick the Compound Words

rainbow ✓	paper ✗	football ✓	tall ✗
sunshine ✓	cupcake ✓	book ✗	raincoat ✓
bedroom ✓	happy ✗	toothbrush ✓	chair ✗
butterfly ✓	dog ✗	lighthouse ✓	play ✗

#### 4 Add one word to make a compound word

blue + berry = blueberry	tree + house = treehouse
sun + light = sunlight	key + board = keyboard
news + paper = newspaper	water + fall = waterfall

#### 5 Sentence Task (example)

The butterfly landed on the flower.



## WORKSHEET 2: THE LIFE OF A HONEY BEE

### Answer Sheet

#### 1 Where does a bee colony live? Tick one.

A pack  
 A colony  
 A swarm house



#### 2 What does "pollinate" mean? Tick one.

To help plants grow  
 To build a hive  
 To collect honey



#### 3 Find and copy one word that means "near".

nearby

#### 4 Why do worker bees must work together?

They work together to help the hive and make honey.

#### 5 Number these in the correct order.

1 Bees collect nectar.  
3 Flowers grow.  
2 Honey is made.

#### 6 True or False?

Drone bees collect nectar from flowers.

True  False

#### 7 Why is the waggle dance important?

It helps bees find flowers nearby.

#### 8 What is the text mostly about?

The text is about honey bees and how they help the hive.

#### Vocabulary Match

Nectar → Sweet liquid from flowers  
Hive → A home for bees  
Pollination → Helping plants grow

#### Challenge Question (example)

Without bees, plants and flowers might not grow properly.



#### Extension Activity (example)

Answers will vary.



## WORKSHEET 3: HOW TO BUILD A BIRD FEEDER

### Answer Sheet

#### Instruction Matching

- Fill the bottle with bird seed.
- Push one spoon through each side of the bottle.
- Tie a piece of string around the neck of the bottle.
- Hang the feeder from a tree branch.
- Your bird feeder is ready!



#### 7 Why do we put spoons through the sides of the bottle?

So birds can stand on them while eating.



#### 8 True or False?

You should use metal spoons.

True  False

#### 9 What might happen if you don't hang the feeder high enough?

Animals might reach the bird feeder.



#### Challenge (example)

You could use a milk carton to make a bird feeder.

## WORKSHEET 4: VOCABULARY DETECTIVE

### Answer Sheet

#### 1 Find and Copy

very big → towering  
not bright; dark → gloomy  
a long time ago → ancient

#### 2 Match the Word to its Meaning

humid - warm and very damp  
gloomy - dark and sad  
roar - making a deep, loud sound  
ancient - very old  
twisted - crooked or turning  
jagged - rough with sharp edges

#### 3 Use the Clues

a) The forest floor was dark and gloomy.  
dark and sad  
b) He heard the distant roar of waves.  
a loud, deep sound

#### 4 Powerful Word Hunt

• two adjectives: humid, gloomy  
• two verbs: followed, twisted  
• one noun: temple

#### 5 Synonym Detective

happy or thrilled → excitement  
scared or afraid → gloomy  
bumpy or rough → jagged

#### 6 Draw the Meaning

Answers will vary.



#### 7 Replace the Boring Word (example)

The island was mysterious.

#### Word Challenge (example answers)

small → tiny followed → chased  
looked → stared

#### 8 Your Turn (example)

The twisted path led into the forest.

#### Detective Badge

Great job! You are a brilliant Vocabulary Detective!



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