



A Small Country and a Small Insect

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Take a bite of an apple, and say thank you to a bee. Bees carry pollen from flower to flower. This helps plants make fruit and seeds. About 75 percent of the world's food crops need this help, at least a little. Without bees, our plates would look very different.



音声を聞こう

② World Bee Day is on May 20. The idea came from Slovenia, a small country in Europe. Many people there keep bees, and they paint pictures on their beehives. One picture shows a devil and an old woman, and it makes people laugh. In 2017, the United Nations agreed, and the first World Bee Day was in 2018.

③ Why May 20? It is the special day of Anton Jansa. He was born in Slovenia in 1734. At first, he wanted to be a painter. But he loved bees more, and he became a famous bee teacher in Vienna. He made boxes for bees that people could stack like blocks.

④ Today, many bees are in danger. There are more than 20,000 kinds of bees, and most of them do not make honey. Some farm chemicals hurt them, and they are losing their homes. But we can help, even in a big city. In Tokyo, people keep bees on the roof of a tall building in Ginza. You can plant flowers on your balcony, too. A bee may visit them tomorrow.

Words 単語

pollen 花粉

crop 作物

beehive ハチの巣箱、ハチの巣

painter 画家

stack 積み重ねる

danger 危険

chemical 化学物質、薬品

roof 屋根、屋上



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Bees are important, and World Bee Day helps people think about them.
- (B) Bees are dangerous, so people should stay away from flowers.
- (C) Slovenia is the only country where people eat honey.
- (D) Anton Jansa was a famous painter who never kept bees.

2. When was the first World Bee Day?

- (A) In 1734
- (B) In 2017
- (C) In 2018
- (D) In 2006

3. What did Anton Jansa want to be at first?

- (A) A farmer
- (B) A teacher
- (C) A doctor
- (D) A painter

4. In paragraph 4, "in danger" means:

- (A) very happy and safe
- (B) in a bad situation and might be hurt
- (C) busy making honey
- (D) living in a big city

5. In the dialogue, why does Lucy say "thank the bees"?

- (A) Because bees make strawberry jam
- (B) Because bees help strawberries grow
- (C) Because bees live in her school
- (D) Because bees are good painters

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

World Bee Day is on May 20.	T / F
The idea for World Bee Day came from Japan.	T / F
Bees help plants make fruit.	T / F
All bees make honey.	T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



● sunflower



● apple



● bee



● honey



● queen



● strawberry

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

fish

bread

honey

flowers

snow

beehives

bees

pollen

Bees on the Roof

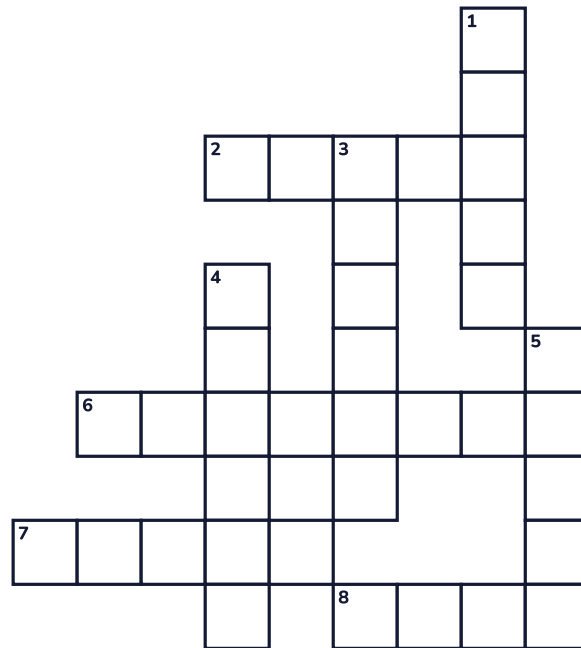
Mika's school has two (1) _____ on the roof. Every morning, the bees fly out to find (2) _____. They carry (3) _____ from one flower to another. In June, the students open the boxes. They find sweet (4) _____ inside! Mika puts some on her (5) _____. "Thank you, little (6) _____," she says.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 2 A red or green fruit. Bees help it grow. (5)
 6 The small European country that asked for this day. (8)
 7 A sweet, golden food that bees make. (5)
 8 A home for many bees. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 The mother bee. She lays the eggs. (5)
 3 Yellow powder that bees carry from flower to flower. (6)
 4 Bees visit it to get nectar. (6)
 5 Bees do this to tell friends where food is. (5)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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B	V	A	A	N	E	C	T	A	R	G	T	C
U	J	F	V	J	N	D	L	V	P	E	G	V

Find these words! 10

- ☐ APPLE
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ FARM
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ HIVE
- ☐ HONEY
- ☐ NECTAR
- ☐ POLLEN
- ☐ QUEEN
- ☐ WING

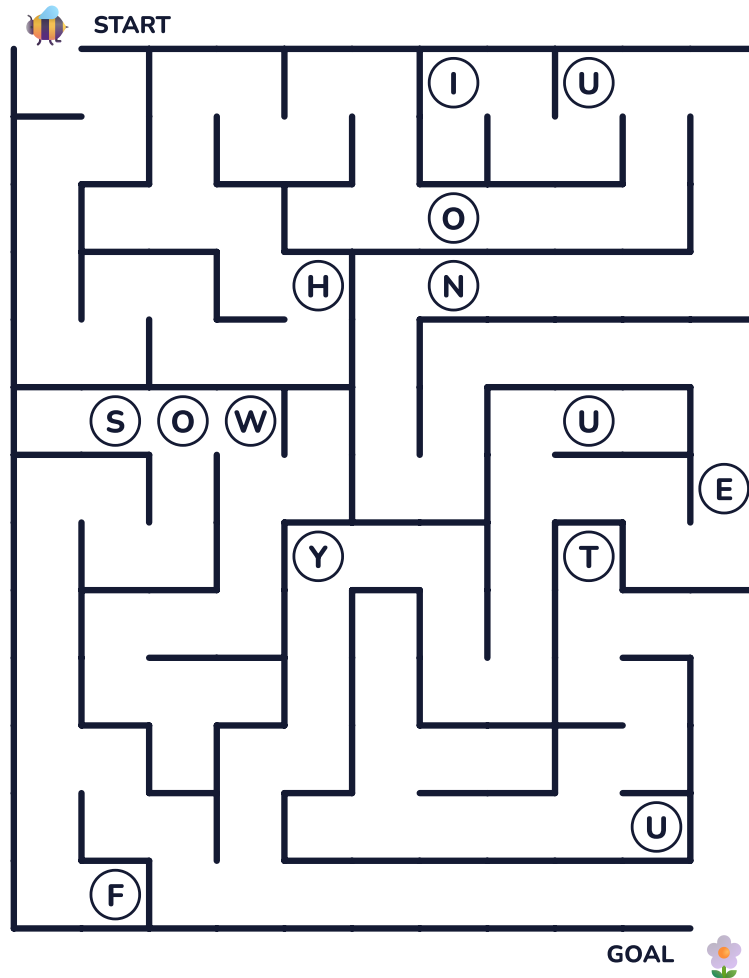


Maze & Sentences

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Help the bee find the flower!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____



Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If there were no bees, I could not eat _____. That would be _____.

To help bees, I will _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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bee



honey



sunflower



apple



strawberry

Draw your World Bee Day! 世界ミツバチの日の絵を描こう。