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Buzzing For Details

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Three possible main ideas are listed below the passage. Match each supporting detail to the main idea it best supports.

The Magic of Bees

Bees are small creatures, but their impact on the world is enormous. They pollinate flowers, which allows fruits, vegetables, and nuts to grow. Without bees, grocery store shelves would have far fewer foods. Bees also produce honey, a sweet and natural food humans have used for thousands of years. Some studies show honey can help soothe sore throats and even fight bacteria. Beyond food, beeswax from hives is used in candles, lip balm, and many household products. Sadly, bee populations are shrinking due to habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change. Scientists warn that protecting bees is critical for the health of ecosystems and food supplies.

Possible Main Ideas

- A. Bees are vital to human food and health.
- B. Bees produce useful products beyond honey.
- C. Bees face serious threats that could harm the environment.

Supporting Details

- _____ 1. Beeswax from hives is used in candles and lip balm.
- _____ 2. Without bees, grocery store shelves would have far fewer foods.
- _____ 3. Bee populations are shrinking due to habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change.
- _____ 4. Honey can help soothe sore throats and fight bacteria.
- _____ 5. Bees pollinate flowers, allowing fruits and vegetables to grow.