

All About The Honeybee Answer Key

The Completed Passage:

Honeybees are small insects, **but** they play a huge role in nature. They collect nectar from flowers, **and** they carry pollen from one blossom to another. Bees do not just help plants, **but** they also provide humans with honey and wax. A single bee can visit hundreds of flowers in a day, **for** it works tirelessly to support its colony.

Bees live in hives, **and** each hive has one queen. The queen lays eggs, **and** worker bees care for the young. Drones do not gather nectar, **nor** do they guard the hive. Bees sometimes sting to protect themselves, **yet** they usually avoid people if left alone.

Honeybees are fascinating creatures, **but** they face dangers from pesticides and habitat loss. People can help bees by planting flowers, **and** reducing the use of harmful chemicals in gardens.

Teacher Guide

- Remind students that each blank requires a **FANBOYS word** joining two independent clauses.
- Encourage them to check whether the sentence shows **addition (and)**, **contrast (but/yet)**, **reason (for)**, **choice (or/nor)**, or **result (so)**.
- Point out that “nor” requires a **negative structure** (e.g., “do not... nor...”).
- Extension: Have students underline both independent clauses in each completed compound sentence to prove they are separate complete ideas.