

## Buzz-Worthy Summary Answer Key

### Sample Summary (3-5 sentences):

Bees are essential pollinators that help plants grow and reproduce. They make it possible for humans to have many fruits, vegetables, and nuts. However, bee populations are shrinking because of pesticides, diseases, and loss of habitat. People can protect bees by planting wildflowers, avoiding harmful chemicals, and supporting beekeepers.

### Why This Works:

- It states the **main idea** (bees are important for pollination and food systems).
- It includes **supporting details** (what bees do, why they're declining, and how to help).
- It avoids unnecessary details and is written in the student's own words.

### Teacher Notes:

- Accept variations as long as students capture the main idea and at least two supporting details.
- Remind students that summaries should be **shorter than the passage** but still clear and complete.
- A good strategy is to ask: *"If I had to tell a friend what this passage is about in just a few sentences, what would I say?"*