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Bees like playing with balls, study finds

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

Everyone knows that bees are busy. There is even a saying in English that one can be "as busy as a bee". However, little is known about how bees play. Scientists have discovered one way that bees could relax after a busy day making honey - they play with balls. The scientists are from Queen Mary University of London. They did different tests on bees "playing" with different things. The insects particularly liked playing with small, wooden balls. The researchers said the way bees played was a little like how humans play. Younger bees rolled more balls than older bees, while adult males spent longer playing with balls than adult females. The ball-rolling bees are the first known insects to "play".

The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a specially designed test area. The bees were given two options. The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get a sugary treat. The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees decided to play with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful than people believed. She said: "Bees are a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than we might imagine."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/oct/27/bumblebees-playing-wooden-balls-bees-study>
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/ball-rolling-bumble-bees-just-wanna-have-fun/>
<https://www.science.org/content/article/are-these-bumble-bees-playing-toys>

WARM-UPS

1. BEES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bees. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

bees / busy / English / relax / honey / scientists / balls / insects / humans / adults / researchers / test / choice / fly / walk / treat / experiments / a million miles / minds

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. LESS BUSY: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should make their lives less busy; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SIMILES: What do these similes mean? Does the animal match the meaning? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

The Simile	Meaning	The Meaning and the Animal
As busy as a bee		
As strong as an ox		
As proud as a peacock		
A quiet as a mouse		
As sick as a parrot		
As slow as a snail		

5. PLAY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "play". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BALL GAMES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ball games at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Football
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Basketball
- Pool
- Golf
- Rugby
- Bowling

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. saying | a. Was the first to find a place, thing, or scientific fact. |
| 2. discovered | b. A person who is fully grown - not a child. |
| 3. particularly | c. A person. |
| 4. human | d. Giving special emphasis to a point. |
| 5. adult | e. A short and well known phrase or expression. |
| 6. male | f. A person who is a woman. |
| 7. female | g. A person who is a man. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. experimented | h. A sign of something. |
| 9. option | i. Did something in a laboratory to find something out. |
| 10. treat | j. An animal (but not a human). |
| 11. mindless | k. Developed to a high degree. |
| 12. creature | l. A sweet, biscuit, or other item of sweet food. |
| 13. indication | m. Not thinking of or concerned about. |
| 14. sophisticated | n. A thing that is or may be chosen. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says an English saying says one can be as busy as a bee. **T / F**
2. Scientists know a lot about how bees play. **T / F**
3. All bees play with balls after they finish making honey. **T / F**
4. Older bees played with balls more than younger bees did. **T / F**
5. Researchers conducted tests using 45 bumblebees. **T / F**
6. Most bees in the tests played with balls before going to a sugary treat. **T / F**
7. A researcher said bees believed people are very thoughtful. **T / F**
8. A researcher said insects might be more sophisticated than we thought. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. saying | a. mature |
| 2. little | b. people |
| 3. particularly | c. stupid |
| 4. humans | d. especially |
| 5. adult | e. choices |
| 6. options | f. expression |
| 7. directly | g. advanced |
| 8. mindless | h. straight |
| 9. indication | i. not much |
| 10. sophisticated | j. sign |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. one can be as busy | a. a sugary treat |
| 2. little is known about how | b. tests on bees |
| 3. relax after a busy | c. miles |
| 4. They did different | d. day making honey |
| 5. adult males spent longer | e. sophisticated |
| 6. fly or walk directly to get | f. bees play |
| 7. Most of the bees decided to play | g. people believed |
| 8. bees are more thoughtful than | h. playing with balls |
| 9. a million | i. with the balls |
| 10. insect minds are far more | j. as a bee |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

Everyone knows that bees are (1) _____. There is even a (2) _____ in English that one can be "as busy as a bee". However, little is known about how bees play. Scientists have discovered one way that bees could (3) _____ after a busy day making honey - they play with balls. The scientists are from Queen Mary University of London. They did (4) _____ tests on bees "playing" with different things. The insects (5) _____ liked playing with small, wooden balls. The researchers said the way bees played was a little like how (6) _____ play. Younger bees rolled more balls than older bees, while adult males spent longer playing with balls than adult (7) _____. The ball-rolling bees are the first (8) _____ insects to "play".

saying
different
humans
known
females
relax
busy
particularly

The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a specially designed test (9) _____. The bees were given two (10) _____. The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get a (11) _____ treat. The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees (12) _____ to play with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more (13) _____ than people believed. She said: "Bees are a (14) _____ miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally (15) _____ to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than we might (16) _____."

decided
options
million
sugary
imagine
thoughtful
believed
area

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) There is even a saying in English that one can be "as busy _____"
 - a. has a bee
 - b. as a bee
 - c. was a bee
 - d. that's a bee
- 2) have discovered one way that bees could relax after a busy _____
 - a. day making money
 - b. day making honey
 - c. day make king honey
 - d. day may kin money
- 3) The researchers said the way bees played was a little like _____
 - a. how humans play
 - b. how humane play
 - c. how humanise play
 - d. how few man's play
- 4) more balls than older bees, while adult males spent longer playing with balls _____
 - a. than adult he-mails
 - b. than adult females
 - c. than adult few males
 - d. than adult fee mails
- 5) The ball-rolling bees are the first known _____
 - a. inn sects to "play"
 - b. in sects to "play"
 - c. incest to "play"
 - d. insects to "play"
- 6) The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a specially _____
 - a. designed test arena
 - b. designed test aura
 - c. designed test aurora
 - d. designed test area
- 7) The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get _____
 - a. a sugary threat
 - b. a sugary teat
 - c. a sugary trait
 - d. a sugary treat
- 8) The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different _____
 - a. coloured woody balls
 - b. coloured woo den balls
 - c. coloured wood den balls
 - d. coloured wooden balls
- 9) a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally _____
 - a. believed to been
 - b. believed to be
 - c. believed Toby
 - d. believed tube
- 10) a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than _____
 - a. we might imagine
 - b. we might imagines
 - c. we might imagined
 - d. we might imaginary

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a (7) _____ area. The bees were given two options. The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get (8) _____. The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees (9) _____ with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful (10) _____. She said: "Bees are (11) _____ from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

1. Who does the article say knows that bees are busy?
2. What do bees do that they need to relax?
3. What London university are the researchers from?
4. What kind of balls did the bees like playing with?
5. Who spent longer playing with balls than female bees?
6. How many bees were in the experiments?
7. How many choices did the bees have?
8. What kind of treat could the bees get?
9. How far did a researcher say bees are from being mindless creatures?
10. What are insect minds more than we might imagine?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

- 1) Who does the article say knows that bees are busy?
 - a) beekeepers
 - b) everyone
 - c) honey shop owners
 - d) children
- 2) What do bees do that they need to relax?
 - a) buzz
 - b) play with balls
 - c) fly all day
 - d) make honey
- 3) What London university are the researchers from?
 - a) Queen Mary University
 - b) London School of Economics
 - c) the London Bee University
 - d) City University
- 4) What kind of balls did the bees like playing with?
 - a) bouncing balls
 - b) rubber balls
 - c) small, colourful wooden balls
 - d) soccer balls
- 5) Who spent longer playing with balls than female bees?
 - a) female wasps
 - b) male bees
 - c) female hornets
 - d) male wasps
- 6) How many bees were in the experiments?
 - a) 45
 - b) 46
 - c) 44
 - d) 47
- 7) How many choices did the bees have?
 - a) one
 - b) three
 - c) two
 - d) four
- 8) What kind of treat could the bees get?
 - a) a sugary treat
 - b) a special treat
 - c) a flowery treat
 - d) an expensive treat
- 9) How far did a researcher say bees are from being mindless creatures?
 - a) a million miles
 - b) a long way
 - c) unbelievably far
 - d) as far as far can be
- 10) What are insect minds more than we might imagine?
 - a) mindless
 - b) busy
 - c) huge
 - d) sophisticated

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

Role A – Football

You think football is the best ball game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golf, pool or bowling.

Role B – Golf

You think golf is the best ball game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): football, pool or bowling.

Role C – Pool

You think pool is the best ball game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golf, football or bowling.

Role D – Bowling

You think bowling is the best ball game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): golf, pool or football.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'bee' and 'ball'.

bee	ball
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• everyone• discovered• particularly• humans• younger• females	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45• two• second• coloured• million• far
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BEES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'bee'?
3. What do you know about bees?
4. How busy are you at the moment?
5. How do you think bees might play?
6. Do you think other insects play?
7. What do you think of honey?
8. What ball games do you like to play?
9. What are the benefits of bees?
10. How do you relax after a busy day?

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BEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ball'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. When are you as busy as a bee?
15. How do bees make honey?
16. What kinds of treats do you like?
17. Would you rather fly or walk?
18. What might bees think about?
19. Do you like being busy?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a (7) _____ designed test area. The bees were given two options. The first choice was to fly or walk directly (8) _____ get a sugary treat. The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees decided to play with the balls and then get (9) _____ treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more (10) _____ than people believed. She said: "Bees are a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to (11) _____." She added that: "This research provides a strong indication that insect minds are (12) _____ more sophisticated than we might imagine."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) said | (b) saying | (c) says | (d) say |
| 2. | (a) knows | (b) known | (c) know | (d) knowing |
| 3. | (a) buzzing | (b) busying | (c) spreading | (d) making |
| 4. | (a) particulars | (b) particularly | (c) particular | (d) particle |
| 5. | (a) likelihood | (b) likely | (c) like | (d) liked |
| 6. | (a) whomsoever | (b) whatsoever | (c) while | (d) when |
| 7. | (a) specially | (b) special | (c) specials | (d) species |
| 8. | (a) for | (b) as | (c) to | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) his | (b) those | (c) them | (d) their |
| 10. | (a) thoughtful | (b) thought | (c) thoughts | (d) thinker |
| 11. | (a) be | (b) been | (c) being | (d) is |
| 12. | (a) far | (b) fair | (c) for | (d) fir |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. There is even a syngia in English
2. coridesedv one way
3. relax after a busy day making yoneh
4. The tenssticsi are from Queen Mary University
5. The insects aacrrilpytlu liked playing
6. adult fseamel

Paragraph 2

7. a specially iegeddns test area
8. fly or walk directly to get a sruagy treat
9. a liomlin miles
10. mindless, unfeeling ectaeurrs
11. This research provides a strong nodinaitci
12. insect minds are far more eosiipdhtastc

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () way that bees could relax after a busy day making honey - they play with balls. The scientists are from
- () with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful than people
- (**1**) Everyone knows that bees are busy. There is even a saying in English that one can be "as busy
- () males spent longer playing with balls than adult females. The ball-rolling bees are the first known insects to "play".
- () Queen Mary University of London. They did different tests on bees "playing" with different
- () believed. She said: "Bees are a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they
- () as a bee". However, little is known about how bees play. Scientists have discovered one
- () played was a little like how humans play. Younger bees rolled more balls than older bees, while adult
- () choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees decided to play
- () indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than we might imagine."
- () things. The insects particularly liked playing with small, wooden balls. The researchers said the way bees
- () options. The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get a sugary treat. The second
- () are traditionally believed to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong
- () The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a specially designed test area. The bees were given two

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

1. bee . a be can One as busy as
2. bees play . is little about However, how known
3. after day a busy relax Bees honey . making
4. bees rolled more than older bees . balls Younger
5. are Bees the to first insects known play .
6. directly a to or Fly treat . get walk
7. play decided balls . to the with bees The
8. are showed experiments more The bees thoughtful . that
9. be . creatures they are believed The to traditionally
10. we might sophisticated than Far imagine . more

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

Everyone knows that bees are busy. There is even a *say / saying* in English that one can be "as busy as a bee". However, little is *knowing / known* about how bees play. Scientists have discovered one *way / wait* that bees could relax after a busy day *making / doing* honey - they play with balls. The scientists are from Queen Mary University of London. They did different tests *on / in* bees "playing" with different things. The insects *particular / particularly* liked playing with small, wooden balls. The researchers said the way bees played was a little *likely / like* how humans play. Younger bees rolled *more / much* balls than older bees, while adult males spent *long / longer* playing with balls than adult females. The ball-rolling bees are the *first / fast* known insects to "play".

The researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a *special / specially* designed test area. The bees were given two *option / options*. The first choice was to fly or walk *direct / directly* to get a sugary *treat / threat*. The second choice was to get to the treat by *going / go* around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees *decided / decision* to play with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more *thoughtful / thinker* than people *believed / belief*. She said: "Bees are a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong *indicate / indication* that insect minds are *far / for* more sophisticated than we might imagine."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

_v_ry_n_ kn_ws th_t b__s _r_ b_sy. Th_r_ _s _v_n _
s_y_ng _n _ngl_sh th_t _n_ c_n b_ "s b_sy _s _
b__". H_w_v_r, lttl_ _s kn_wn _b__t h_w b__s pl_y.
Sc__nt_sts h_v_ d_sc_v_r_d _n_ w_y th_t b__s c__ld
r_l_x _ft_r _ b_sy d_y m_k_ng h_n_y - th_y pl_y
w_th b_lls. Th_ sc__nt_sts _r_ fr_m Q__n M_ry
_n_v_rs_ty _f L_nd_n. Th_y d_d d_ff_r_nt t_sts _n
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d_r_ctly t_ g_t _s_g_ry tr__t. Th_ s_c_nd ch__c_ w_s
t_ g_t t_ th_ tr__t by g__ng _r__nd d_ff_r_nt
c_l__r_d w__d_n b_lls. M_st _f th_ b__s d_c_d_d t_
pl_y w_th th_ b_lls _nd th_n g_t th__r tr__t. _
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m_r_ th_ghtf_l th_n p__pl_ b_l__v_d. Sh_ s__d: "B__s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221103-bees-and-balls.html>

everyone knows that bees are busy there is even a saying in english that one can be as busy as a bee however little is known about how bees play scientists have discovered one way that bees could relax after a busy day making honey they play with balls the scientists are from queen mary university of london they did different tests on bees playing with different things the insects particularly liked playing with small wooden balls the researchers said the way bees played was a little like how humans play younger bees rolled more balls than older bees while adult males spent longer playing with balls than adult females the ballrolling bees are the first known insects to play

the researchers experimented on 45 bumblebees in a specially designed test area the bees were given two options the first choice was to fly or walk directly to get a sugary treat the second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls most of the bees decided to play with the balls and then get their treat a researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful than people believed she said bees are a million miles from the mindless unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to be she added that this research provides a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than we might imagine

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Everyone knows that bees are busy. There is even a saying in English that one can be "as busy as a bee". However, little is known about how bees play. Scientists have discovered a new way that bees could relax after a busy day making honey - they play with balls. The scientists are from Queen Mary University of London. They did different tests on bees "playing" with different things. The insects particularly liked playing with small, wooden balls. The researchers said the way bees played was a little like how human children play. Younger bees rolled more balls than older bees, while adult males spent longer playing with balls than adult females. The ball-rolling bees are the first known insects to "play". The researcher experimented on 45bumblebees in a specially designed test area. The bees were given two options. The first choice was to fly or walk directly to get a sugary treat. The second choice was to get to the treat by going around different coloured wooden balls. Most of the bees decided to play with the balls and then get their treat. A researcher said the experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful than people believed. She said: "Bees are a million miles from the mindless, unfeeling creatures they are traditionally believed to be." She added that: "This research provides a strong indication that insect minds are far more sophisticated than we might imagine."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BEES: Make a poster about bees. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BEING BUSY: Write a magazine article about all of us changing our lives so we are less busy. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on bees. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on bees. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. a
6. e	7. h	8. c	9. j	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Everyone
2. Make honey
3. Queen Mary University
4. Small, colourful wooden balls
5. Male bees
6. 45
7. Two
8. A sugary treat
9. A million miles
10. Sophisticated

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. One can be as busy as a bee.
2. However, little is known about how bees play.
3. Bees relax after a busy day making honey.
4. Younger bees rolled more balls than older bees.
5. Bees are the first known insects to play.
6. Fly or walk directly to get a treat.
7. The bees decided to play with the balls.
8. The experiments showed that bees are more thoughtful.
9. The creatures they are traditionally believed to be.
10. Far more sophisticated than we might imagine.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)