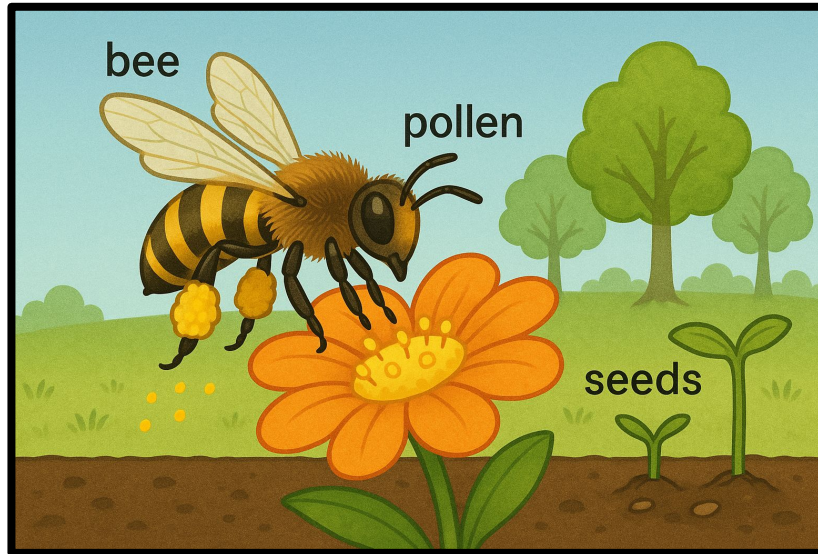


## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ee (seed)

"This story focuses on the 'ee' sound as in 'bee.' Watch for words like 'bees,' 'trees,' and 'seeds' as you read!"



### How Bees Help Trees

Did you know that **bees** help **trees** grow? When a **bee** lands on a flower, tiny bits of yellow dust stick to its legs. This dust is called pollen.

As the **bee** moves to the next flower, the pollen falls off. This helps the flower make seeds. Some of those seeds grow into new **trees**!

Without busy **bees**, it would be hard for many **trees** to grow. That's why it's important to keep flowers blooming and give **bees** a safe place to live.

So next time you see a **bee**, thank it for helping the trees!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

see

bees

trees

seeds

keep



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## How Bees Help Trees

1. What do bees carry from flower to flower?

- A. Water
- B. Pollen
- C. Tiny leaves
- D. Soft grass

2. How do bees help trees grow?

- A. They plant seeds in the ground
- B. They shake the tree trunks
- C. They carry pollen to help new seeds grow
- D. They dig big holes for the seeds

3. Fill in the blank:

Without busy \_\_\_\_\_, it would be hard for many trees to grow.

4. Why is it important to keep flowers blooming for bees?

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5. What can people do to help keep bees safe?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** Long Vowel Team 'ee'

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Nature & Ecology

**High-Frequency Words:** the, they, it, for, to

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## Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for words with the 'ee' sound today!"
  2. What do you know about how trees grow?
  3. Have you ever seen a bee on a flower?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'ee' makes the long /ē/ sound. Stretch it out if you get stuck!
  2. Watch for 'ee' words and say them slowly.
  3. How do bees help new trees grow?
  4. Try reading the last sentence with excitement, like you are really thanking the bees!
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## After Reading

1. Can you retell how bees help trees grow?
  2. Why do you think bees are important to nature?
  3. How could we make sure bees have safe places to live?
  4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ee' words in the story!"
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the last part again like you are teaching a younger child!
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## Activity Idea

Make a small poster showing why bees are important. Draw flowers, bees, and trees, and write simple facts using 'ee' words. Hang it up to teach others about how bees help the world!

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## Coaching Tip

Remind your reader that nonfiction stories teach real facts, and it's fun to share what you learn after reading!

