

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: Both ea & ee

"This story focuses on the 'ea' and 'ee' sounds that say /ē/. Watch for words like 'each,' 'bee,' and 'leave' as you read!"



The Life of a Honeybee

Honeybees are small but play a big role in nature. They help plants grow by moving pollen from flower to flower.

Each bee leaves the hive to search for bright flowers. When they find sweet nectar, they bring it back to their hive and make honey.

A honeybee works hard all day. Even though they are tiny, their work helps keep gardens and farms healthy.

Without bees, people would not have many of the fruits and plants they enjoy to eat!

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

each

bee

leave

sweet

keep



Name: _____

The Life of a Honeybee

1. What do honeybees help plants do?

- A. Grow and make fruit
- B. Stay asleep
- C. Turn into trees
- D. Hide from people

2. Why do honeybees leave their hive?

- A. To build nests
- B. To search for bright flowers and sweet nectar
- C. To play in the grass
- D. To find their families

3. Fill in the blank:

Each bee brings sweet _____ back to the hive.

4. Why do you think bees are important for people and plants?

5. If you were a honeybee, where would you search for flowers?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Teams 'ea' and 'ee' (long /ē/ sound)

Genre: Nonfiction – Animals & Nature

High-Frequency Words: the, they, to, for, are

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're reading to find words where 'ea' and 'ee' say the /ē/ sound!"
 2. Have you ever seen a bee at work in a garden?
 3. Why do you think bees love sweet nectar?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that when they see 'ea' and 'ee,' they should try the long /ē/ sound first.
 2. Watch for 'ea' and 'ee' words and stretch them out slowly.
 3. What does a bee do after finding nectar?
 4. Try reading the last part like you're teaching someone why bees are so helpful!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell the important jobs that honeybees do?
 2. Why do people need honeybees to help plants grow?
 3. Would you like to watch a busy bee working in a garden? Why or why not?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and circle 5 'ea' or 'ee' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're buzzing from flower to flower!
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Activity Idea

Draw a garden full of bright flowers and show where bees would go to find nectar. Label at least three things in your drawing using 'ea' or 'ee' words and share how the bees help the plants grow.

Coaching Tip

Celebrate small reading successes and remind kids that even tricky words get easier with practice!

