



## Amazing Bees

**1** Look at pages 8–9. Why do you think the author included the words “Buzz, buzz!”?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.6*

**2** Look at pages 10–11. What can you see in the pictures? How do the pictures help you understand the text? What do the labels do?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7*

**3** Look at pages 12–13. How are the four pictures connected? What do they show?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7*

**4** Look at pages 16–17. What extra information does the text in the blue box give about bees? Look through the book and find some more fact boxes. Do you find these boxes helpful?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.5, RI.3.5*

**5** Read about Spreading Pollen on pages 18–19. Describe the steps of a bee spreading pollen to help new plants grow.

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.3, RI.3.3*

**6** Read pages 20–21 about honeybees. What are the three different kinds of honeybees that live in a family group together? What is the job of the mother bee?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1, RI.3.1*

**7** Read about Bee Spotting on pages 26–27. What is the name of the bee that makes round holes in leaves? Why does it do this?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1, RI.3.1*

## **Answers**

**1** to help show the noise that bees make

**2** Close-up views of a bee's body and face; they show what the different body parts look like; the labels show exactly where the little / big eyes are.

**3** the order of the different steps in the growth of a bee

**4** An extra fact about bees: Some flower markings are only visible to bees; Answers will vary.

**5** The bee combs some pollen into baskets on its back legs; some pollen sticks to the bee's body; when it flies to another flower, the pollen falls off; the plant makes new fruit / seeds that grow into a new plant.

**6** mother bee, drones, worker bees; to lay eggs

**7** leafcutter bee; to make a lid for its nest