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# The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Circle group

A beekeeper cares for bees. Bees live in a box. The box is a hive. The beekeeper looks inside it.

She wears a hat with a net. The net keeps bees off her face. She puffs smoke at the hive. The smoke calms the bees.

Now she looks. Do the bees have food? Where is the queen bee? Then she shuts the hive.

## Questions

**1. What does a beekeeper care for?**

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**2. What is the box where bees live called?**

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**3. What does the net keep off her face?**

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**4. What does the smoke do?**

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**5. Why does she wear a hat with a net?**

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**6. Why does she check for food?**

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## Words to know

beekeeper: a person who takes care of bees
hive: a home for bees
net: a thin cloth full of tiny holes
smoke: the gray cloud that rises from a fire
queen: the bee that lays all the eggs in a hive

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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# The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Triangle group

A beekeeper takes care of bees. Bees live in a box called a hive. The beekeeper opens the hive to look inside.

First, she puts on a hat with a net. The net keeps bees off her face. Then she puffs a little smoke at the hive. The smoke calms the bees.

Now she can look. She checks that the bees have food. She looks for the queen bee. Last, she shuts the hive. The bees go back to work.

## Questions

**1. What does a beekeeper take care of?**

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**2. What is the box where bees live called?**

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**3. What does the net on the hat keep off her face?**

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**4. What does the smoke do?**

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**5. Why does the beekeeper wear a hat with a net?**

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**6. Why does the beekeeper check for food in the hive?**

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## Words to know

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# The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Square group

A beekeeper is a person who takes care of bees. Bees make their home in a wooden box called a hive. When the beekeeper needs to look inside, she opens the hive very carefully.

Before she begins, she puts on a hat with a net, and the net keeps the bees away from her face. Next, she puffs a little smoke toward the hive. The smoke helps to calm the bees so they stay quiet.

Then she can look closely. She checks that the bees have enough food, and she searches for the queen bee. When she is finished, she shuts the hive, and the bees go back to their work.

## Questions

**1. What does a beekeeper take care of?**

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**2. What is the wooden box where bees make their home called?**

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**3. What does the net on the hat keep away from her face?**

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**4. What does the puff of smoke do to the bees?**

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**5. Why would a beekeeper want to wear a hat with a net?**

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**6. Why does the beekeeper check whether the bees have enough food?**

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## Words to know

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# For the teacher: The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Easier · 63 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. Bees.
2. A hive.
3. Bees.
4. It calms the bees.
5. To keep bees off her face so she is safe.
6. To see that the bees have enough to eat.

### Triangle: The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

This passage · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Bees.
2. A hive.
3. Bees.
4. It calms the bees.
5. To keep the bees away from her face so she is safe.
6. To make sure the bees have enough to eat.

### Square: The Beekeeper and the Puff of Smoke

Harder · 111 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. Bees.
2. A hive.
3. The bees.
4. It calms them so they stay quiet.
5. It keeps the bees away from her face so she stays safe.
6. She wants to be sure the bees have enough to eat.