

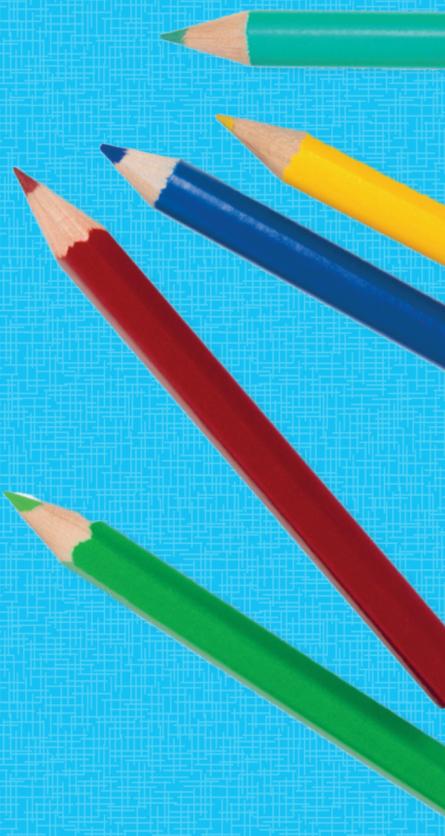
THE BIG QUESTIONS ANSWERED

YOUNG MELITTOLOGISTS'

# ACTIVITY PACK



Full of fun and exciting activities to accompany this book!



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# DIARY ENTRY

Imagine you are working as a melittologist and it's your very first day on the job, exploring nature and studying bees! Use the space below to write a diary entry all about what you got up to and what you discovered.



## Feeling stuck? Try some of these...

- **Describe the place where you were.**  
Where were you? What was around you?
- **Describe what the bees and their hive looked like.**  
Think about colours and textures.
- **Describe how you were feeling.**  
Were you excited, nervous, or something else?

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## POLLINATION POWER

Find and circle the words listed below, in the grid. Words can be found in any direction (including diagonally) and can overlap each other.

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MELITTOLOGISTS  
POLLINATION  
BEES  
WINGS

POLLEN  
NECTAR  
FLOWERS  
TREES

PLANTS  
HONEY

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

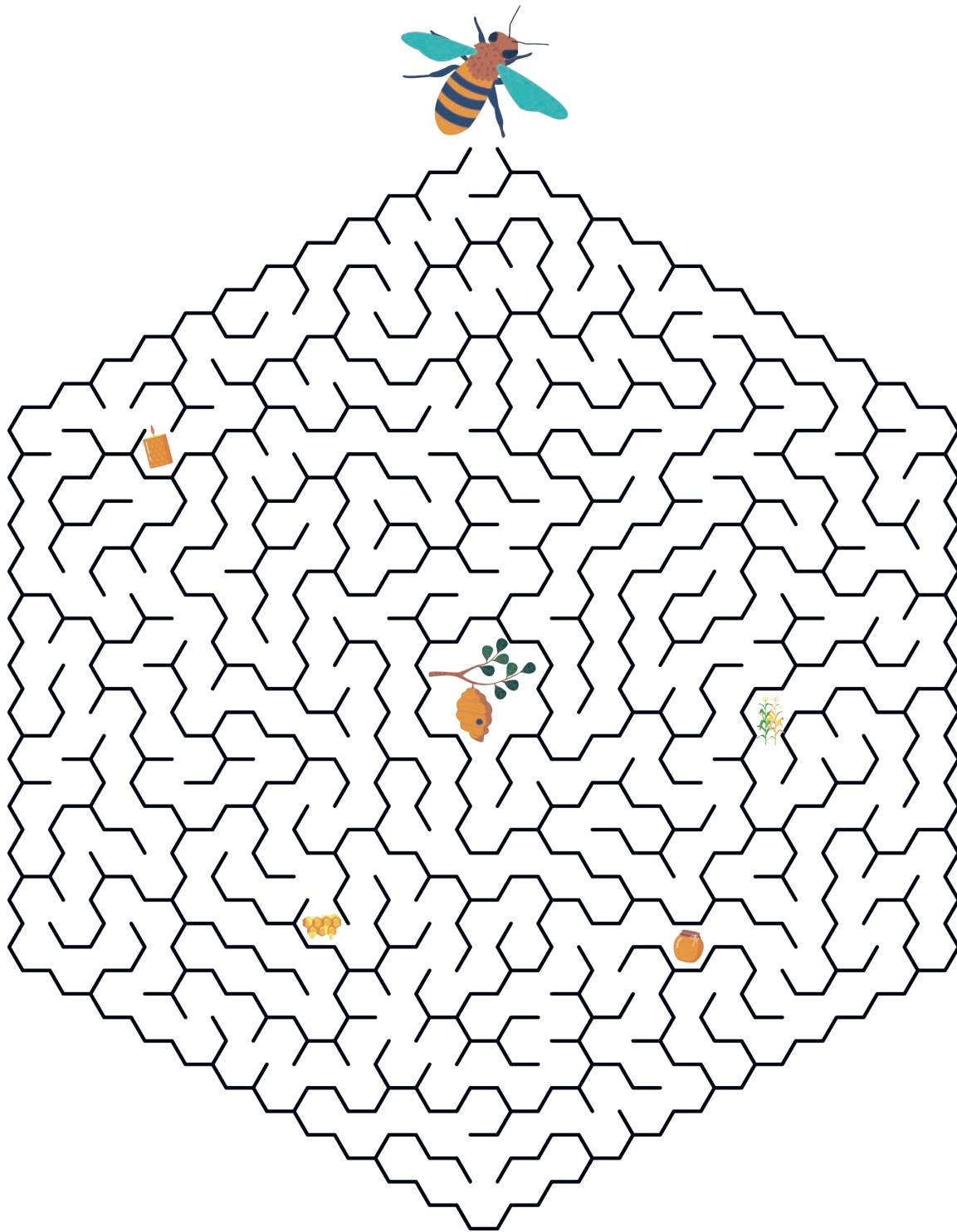
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## HONEY HUNT

This busy bee needs to collect all the items on its journey through the maze.  
Can you help it get to the hive in the middle of the maze?



## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

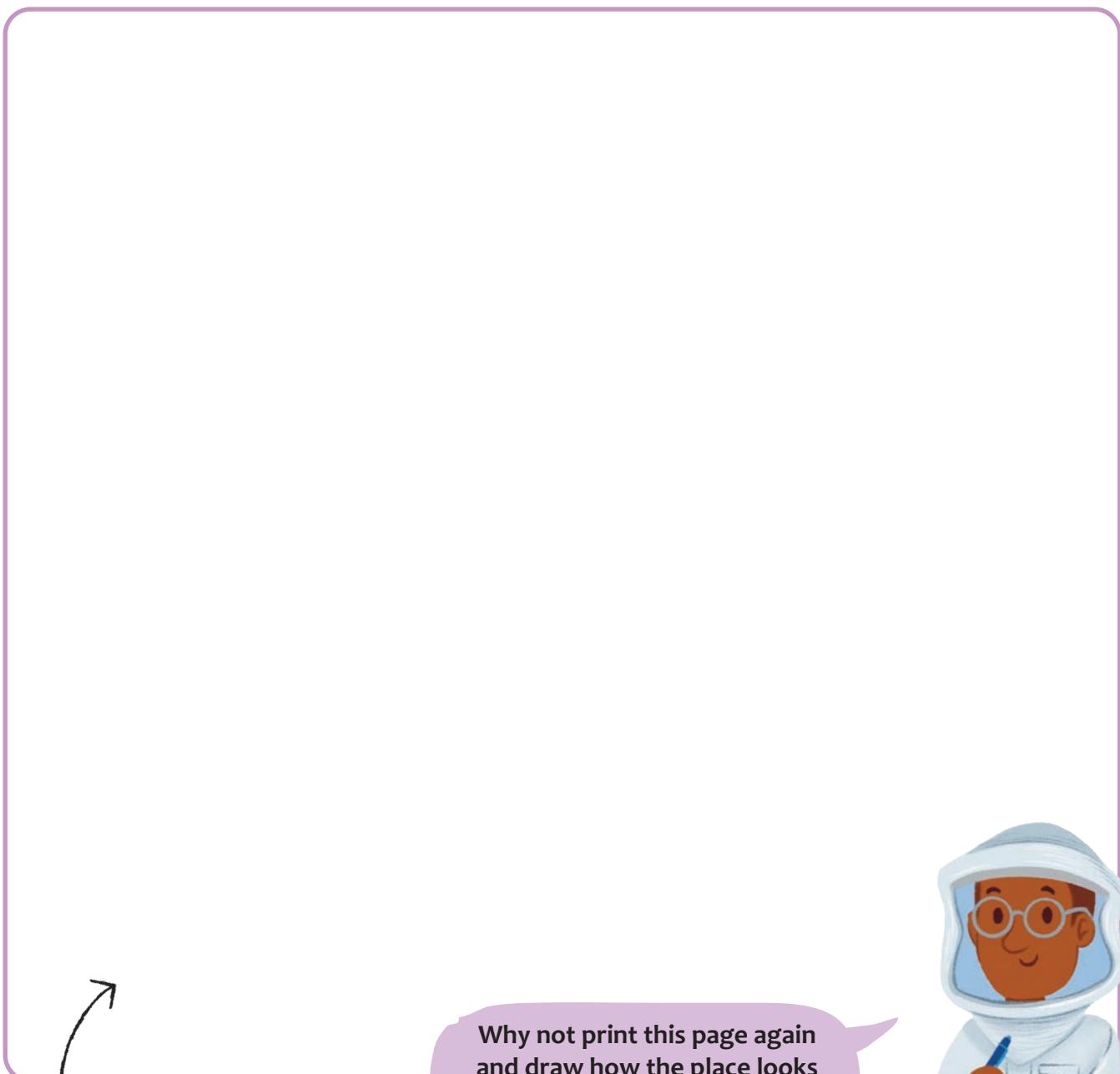
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## A WORLD WITHOUT BEES

Our world without bees would look very different to how it does now! Think about your local park or garden, or go and visit them. Draw what you think that place might look like if there were no bees!



Draw your scene in here!

Why not print this page again and draw how the place looks now with bees around so that you can compare your pictures!



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## EXCITING EGYPTIANS

Bees have been helping us for generations, even as far back as the Ancient Egyptians! Use the clues below to work out the answers and fill in the boxes. The first one has been done for you.

~~HONEY~~

MUMMY

POLLEN

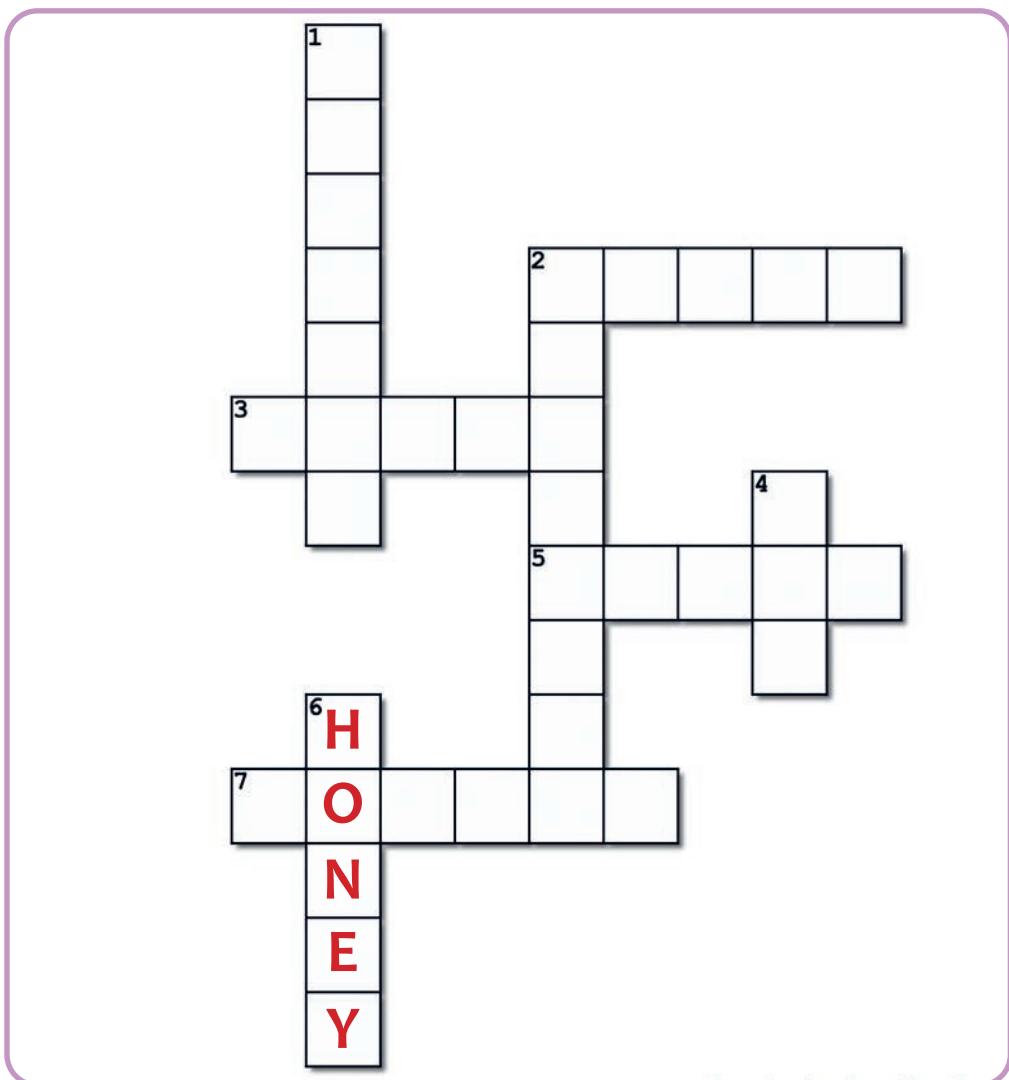
WOUND

MEDICINE

PHARAOH

BEE

CAKES



### ACROSS

2. A preserved body wrapped in cloth. In Ancient Egypt, they used honey to do this.
3. A sore spot or cut that honey could heal.
5. Ancient Egyptians used honey to make these sweet desserts.
7. The yellow powder that bees collect from flowers.

### DOWN

1. The name of an Ancient Egyptian king who might have enjoyed honey.
2. Something given to you when you're not well. The Ancient Egyptians used honey as a natural version of this thing.
4. Small, flying insect that makes honey.
6. ~~Sticky and sweet treat made by bees.~~

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'Happy Making Honey: Scene 6'.

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## HOME IS WHERE THE HONEY IS

Can you use what you've learnt about how bees make honeycomb to decide which of the sentences below are true and which are false?

	SENTENCE	TRUE	FALSE
1	Bees make honey by drinking nectar from flowers.		
2	Bees store nectar on their wings.		
3	Nectar passes from bee to bee, which then turns into honey.		
4	Bees build honeycomb into perfect square shapes.		
5	Honeycomb is a place where worker bees grow and live.		
6	Bees use the sugar in honey to make beeswax.		

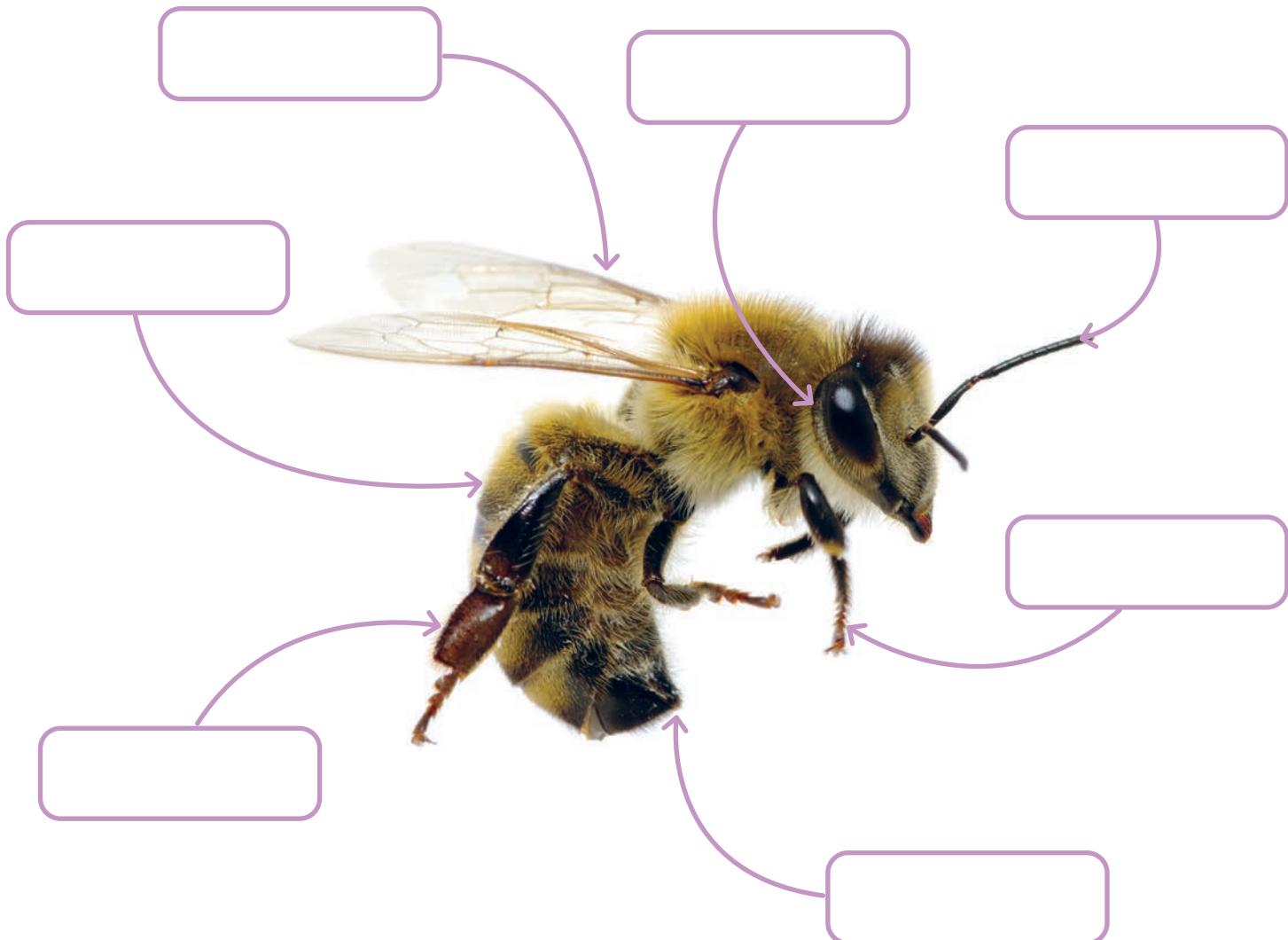
## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

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## BRILLIANT BEE FEATURES

Can you fill in the boxes to label the parts of a bee's body?  
Each answer can only be used once.



WING

ANTENNA

LEG

BODY

EYE

FOOT

STINGER

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'The Importance of Teamwork: Scene 8'.

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## COLONY CREW

The bees are busy working together in their colony. Can you spot the **10** differences between the two pictures? Circle them when you spot them.



## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'Swarming: Scene 9'.

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## SWARM ATTACK

Watch out for the bee swarm!

Can you spot the bee that is different to all the others?



## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'Threats to Bees: Scene 10'.

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## SCOUT BEE FINDS A NEW HOME

Below are some sentences.

Draw an image to match each sentence and create your own comic.



The queen bee wants a new home because the hive is way too full.

So, scout bee leaves to find the perfect place.

Oh no! They can't live here - there's too much litter!



And they can't live here - they are cutting down the trees!

Wow, there are lots of wildflowers here and a winding river. This is the perfect place to live!

Scout bee returns and leads the queen bee and worker bees to start a new colony.

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'Protecting Bees: Scene II'.

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## DESIGN YOUR OWN BUG HOTEL

Get creative and turn this empty space into a bug hotel, with lots of different insects, and don't forget the bees!



Draw your bug hotel  
in here!

Maybe you could add  
some flowers and other  
plants, too!



## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

For reference to the Teachers' & Parents' Resources, this goes with 'Keeping Bees: Scene 12'.

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## BUSY BEEKEEPERS

Can you use the words below to fill in the blanks and uncover some bee-illiant facts? Each answer can only be used once.

pollinating

crops

honeycomb

beekeepers

swarm

hives

1. The people that keep and look after bees are called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They mainly keep honeybees, who produce lots of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Colonies of bees are kept in \_\_\_\_\_, and beekeepers ensure they are well looked after, and safe from predators.
4. Bees are sometimes kept on farms to help farmers with their \_\_\_\_\_. They help food crops in particular, and they do this by \_\_\_\_\_!
5. Beekeepers don't control the bees – they are able to \_\_\_\_\_ if they wish! But beekeepers create a safe, clean home for the bees, which means they often come back.



What other facts have you learnt about bees?

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

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## BEES EVERYWHERE

Choose a type of bee – any you like – and see what amazing things you can find out about it!  
Draw your chosen bee and fill in all of the information below.



Draw your bee in here!

Type of bee: .....

Do they sting?: .....

This bee lives in: .....

.....

A fun fact about this bee is: .....

.....

.....



Why not print this sheet off multiple times to create a bee booklet full of all the different bees!

## ARE BEES NATURE'S TINY HEROES?

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## WRITE YOUR OWN MELITTOLOGY STORY

Can you write a story of your own about melittology, making sure to include the 3 key words below?

POLLEN

BEES

MELITTOLOGIST

Handwriting practice lines for writing a story.

# **MORE FUN MELITTOLOGY ACTIVITIES**

## **COLOURING SHEETS & MORE!**

The following activities aren't based on any specific scenes in the book. They can be used on their own or alongside the book as extra activities.

# FIND THE SCIENTIST

There are lots of different scientists below. Can you find the melittologist?  
Circle them when you find them - there's only one!



# MATCH THE SHAPE

Can you match each shadow to the correct picture? Draw a line to connect them.



# SIMPLE SUMS

Below are 3 objects which represent different numbers.

Work out the sum based on what each object represents and write your answers in the boxes.



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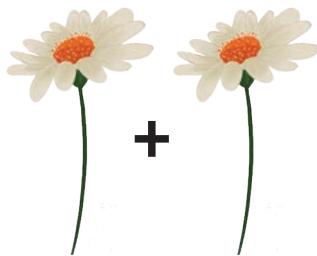


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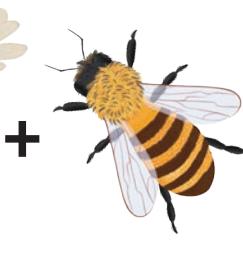
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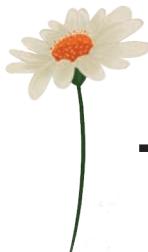
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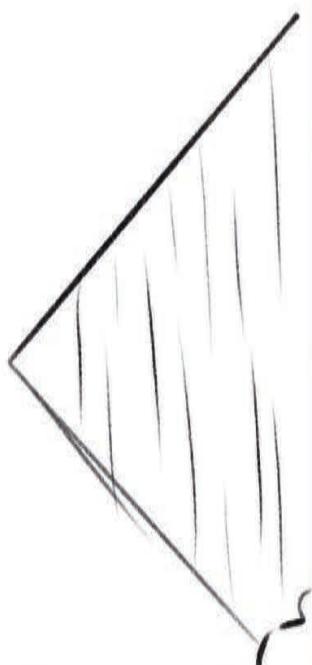
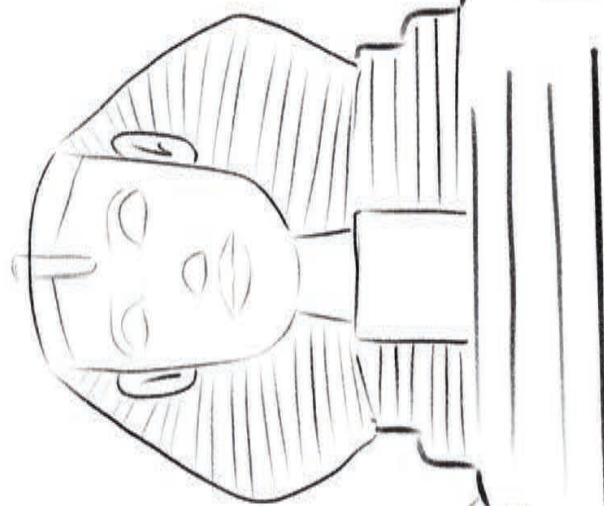
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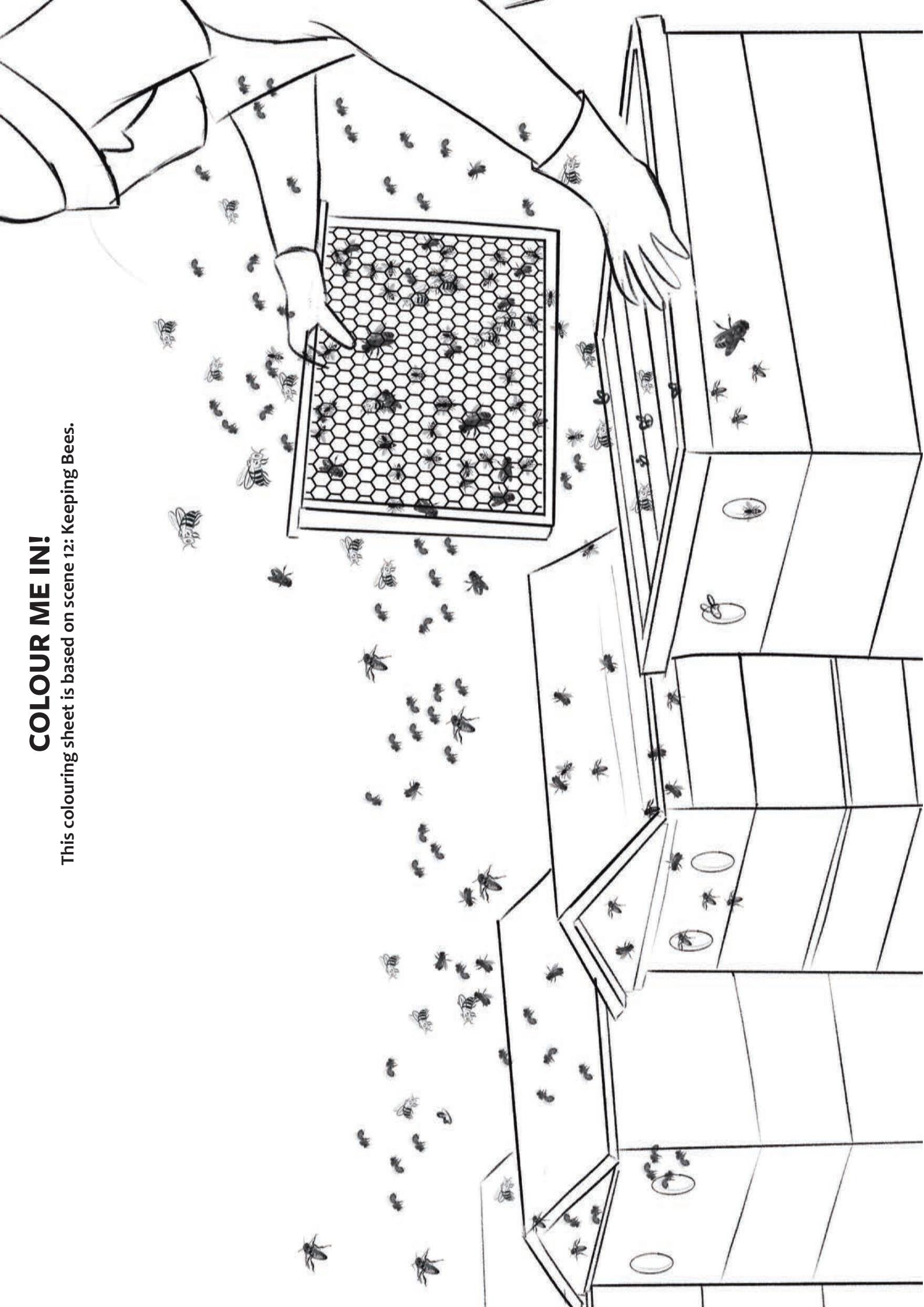
# COLOUR ME IN!

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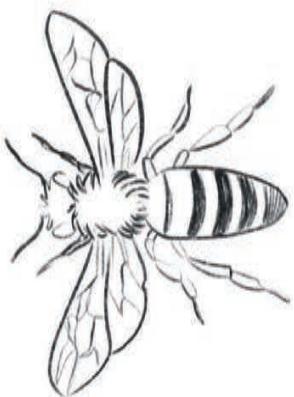
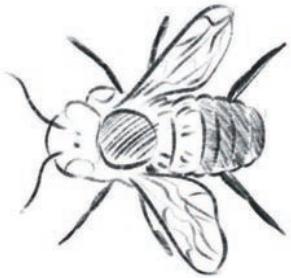
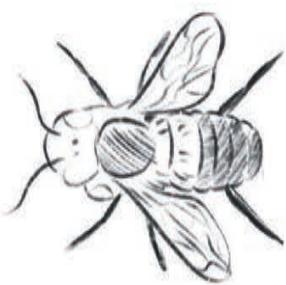
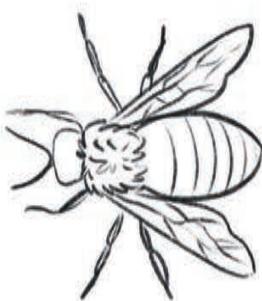
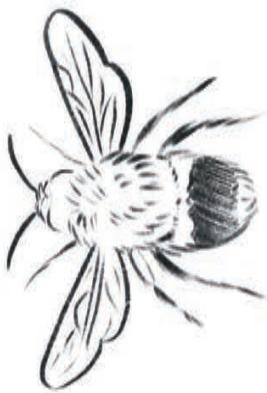
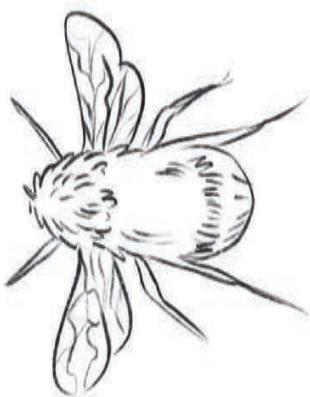
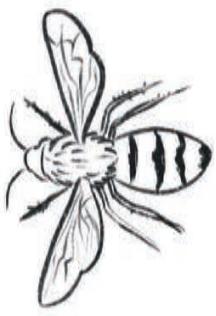
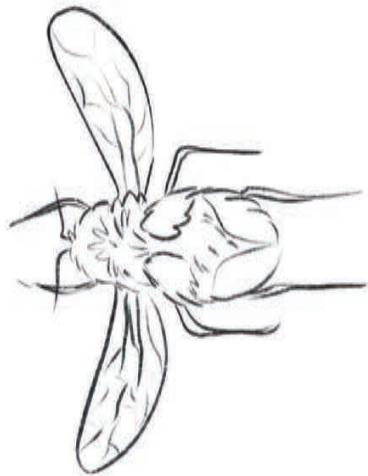
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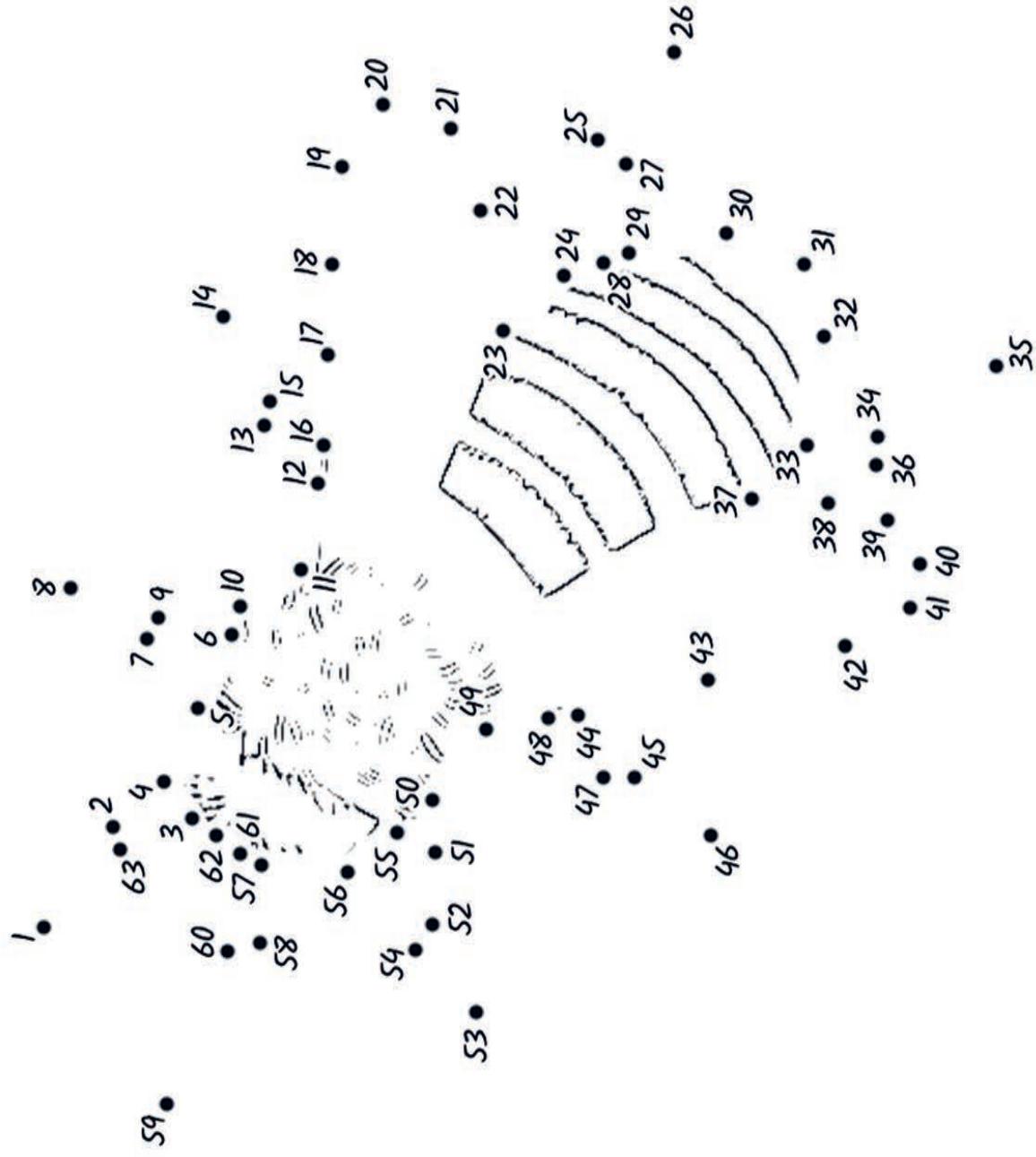
# COLOUR ME IN!

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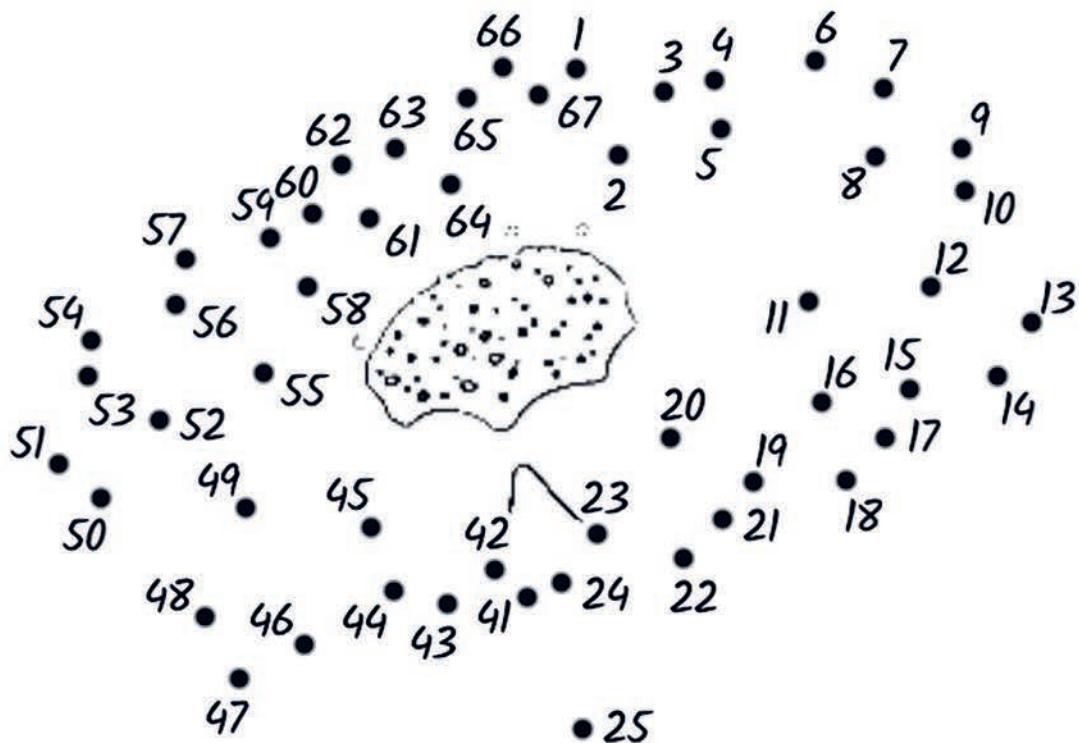
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Starting from 1, draw a line connecting the numbers to create a picture. Why not colour it in afterwards?



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Starting from 1, draw a line connecting the numbers to create a picture. Why not colour it in afterwards?



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39 • 27  
38 •

• 37

36 • 28

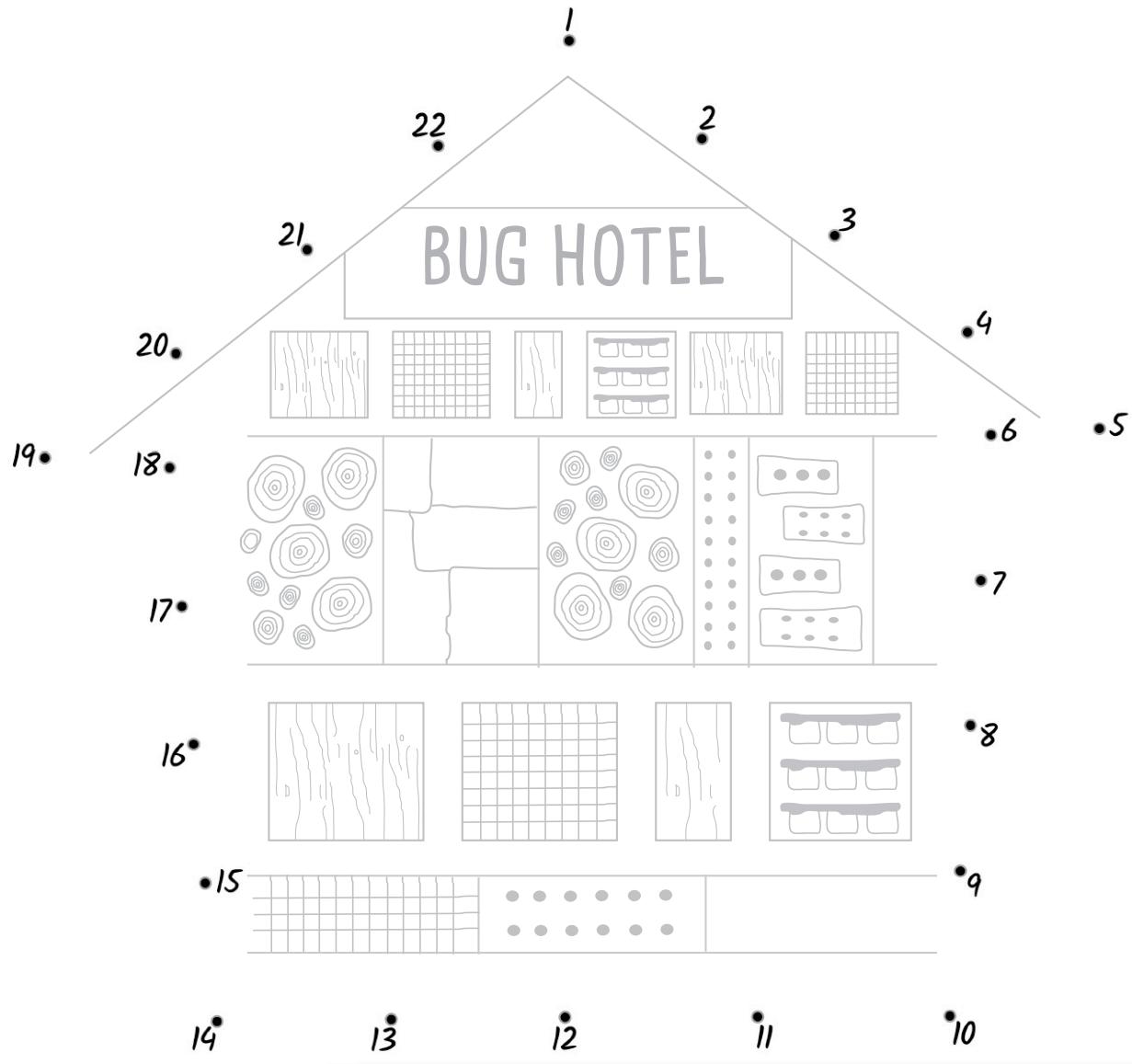
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35 • 30

34 • 31  
• 32

33

## DOT-TO-DOT

Starting from 1, draw a line connecting the numbers to create a picture. Why not draw some bees and other bugs in and around the bug hotel and then colour it in afterwards?



# **YOUNG MELITTOLOGISTS' ACTIVITY ANSWERS**

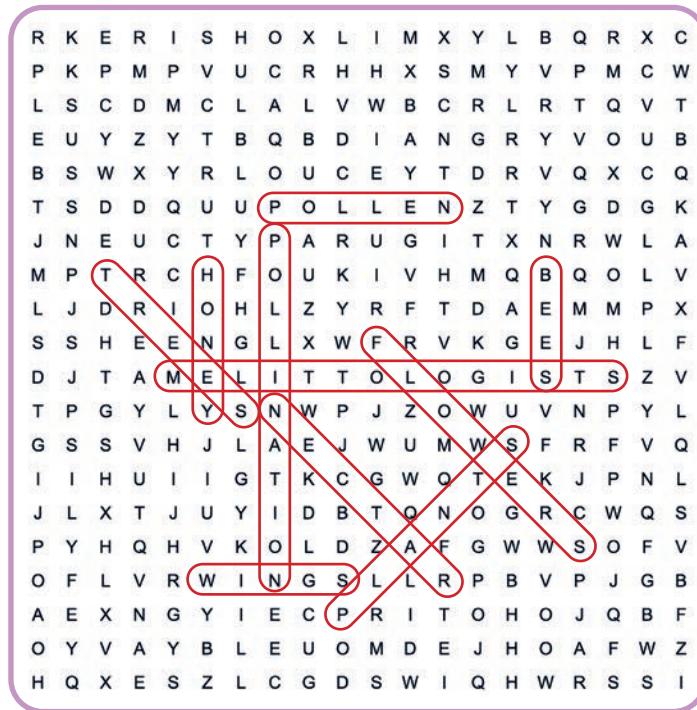
Find the answers to the activities on the following pages.

# ACTIVITY ANSWERS

**Check your answers against the correct answers below!**

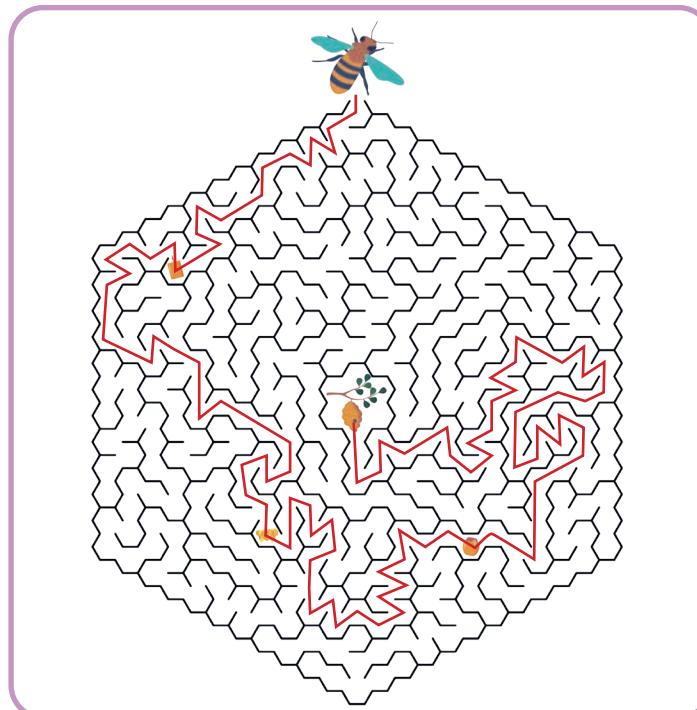
## POLLINATION POWER ANSWERS

**The answers below are for the word search activity on page 4.**



## HONEY HUNT ANSWERS

**The answers below are for the maze activity on page 5.**

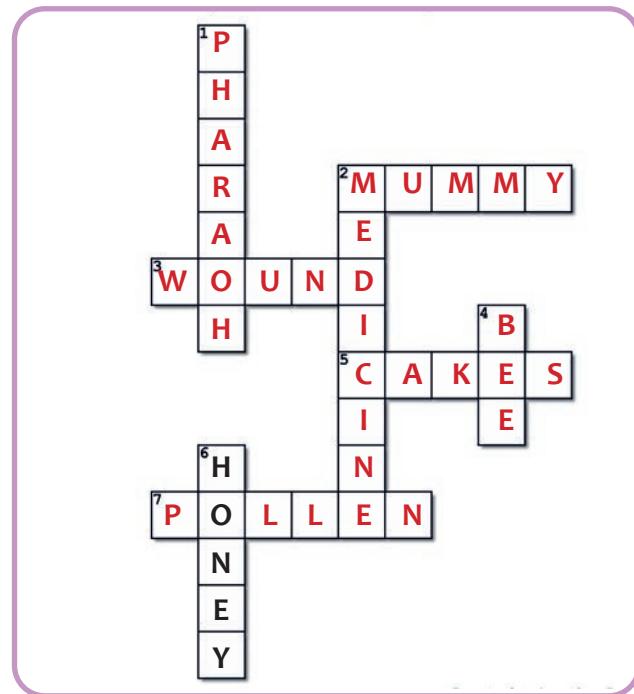


# ACTIVITY ANSWERS

**Check your answers against the correct answers below!**

# EXCITING EGYPTIANS ANSWERS

**The answers below are for the crossword activity on page 7.**



# HOME IS WHERE THE HONEY IS ANSWERS

**The answers below are for the true or false activity on page 8.**

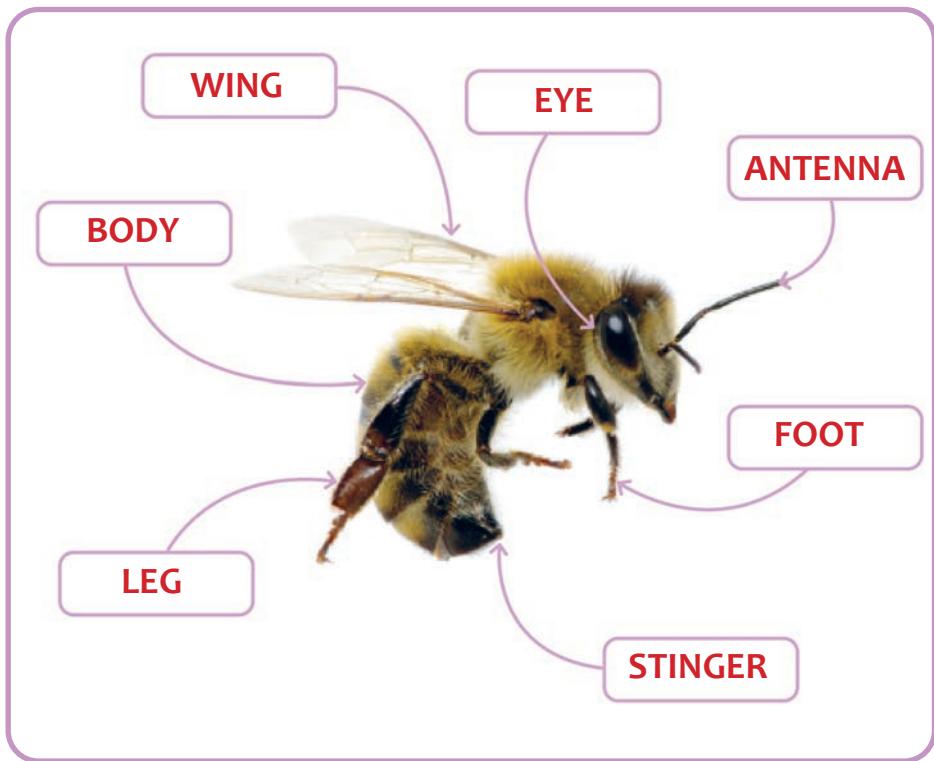
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2	Bees store nectar on their wings.		FALSE
3	Nectar passes from bee to bee, which then turns into honey.	TRUE	
4	Bees build honeycomb out of perfect square shapes.		FALSE
5	Honeycomb is a place for worker bees to grow and live.	TRUE	
6	Bees use the sugar in honey to make beeswax.	TRUE	

# ACTIVITY ANSWERS

Check your answers against the correct answers below!

## BRILLIANT BEE FEATURES ANSWERS

The answers below are for the label the part activity on page 9.



## COLONY CREW ANSWERS

The answers below are for the spot the difference activity on page 10.

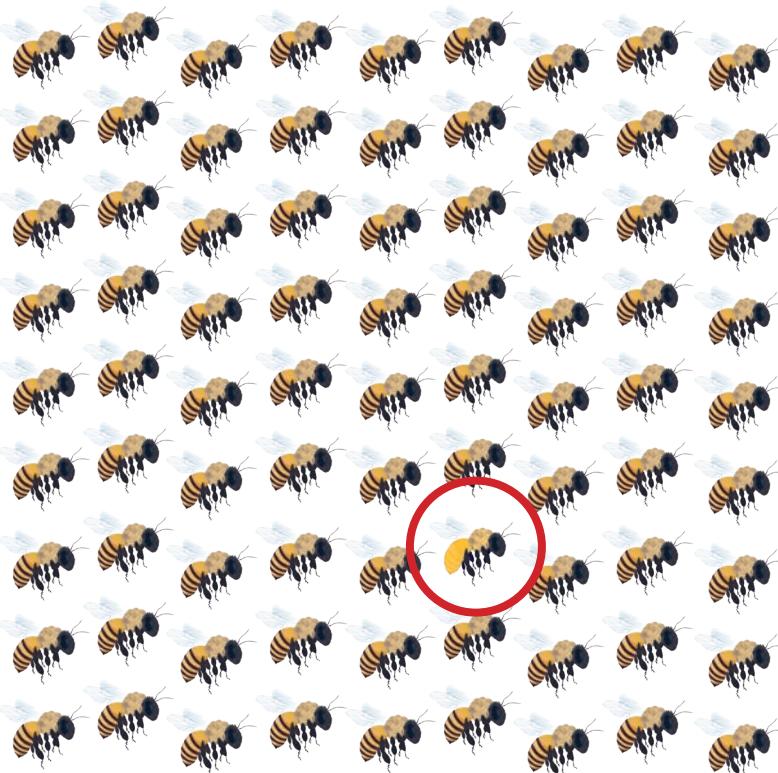


# ACTIVITY ANSWERS

Check your answers against the correct answers below!

## SWARM ATTACK ANSWERS

The answers below are for the odd one out activity on page 11.



## BUSY BEEKEEPERS ANSWERS

The answers below are for the fill in the blanks activity on page 14.

1. The people that keep and look after bees are called beekeepers .
2. They mainly keep honeybees, who produce lots of honeycomb .
3. Colonies of bees are kept in hives , and beekeepers ensure they are well looked after, and safe from predators.
4. Bees are sometimes kept on farms to help farmers with their crops . They help food crops in particular, and they do this by pollinating !
5. Beekeepers don't control the bees – they are able to swarm if they wish! But beekeepers create a safe, clean home for the bees, which means they often come back.

# EXTRA ACTIVITY ANSWERS

**Check your answers against the correct answers below!**

# FIND THE SCIENTIST

**The answers below are for the activity on page 18.**



## MATCH THE SHAPE

**The answers below are for the activity on page 19.**



## **SIMPLE SUMS**

**The answers below are for the activity on page 20.**

