

Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

## Busy Bees: Life in the Hive

Honeybees live in big groups called colonies. They build homes called hives, often in trees or special boxes. Each hive has thousands of bees working together.



Inside the hive, each bee has a special job. The queen bee lays all the eggs. Worker bees are female and do most of the work, like collecting sweet liquid called nectar from flowers to make honey. They also clean the hive and feed baby bees. Drone bees are male and help the queen.



Honeybees are very important helpers in nature. When they fly from flower to flower collecting nectar, they also carry pollen. This helps flowers grow and gives us many fruits and vegetables to eat!



### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?

- (A) To tell a funny story about a bee's day.
- (B) To teach facts about honeybees and their jobs.
- (C) To make you want to go visit a beehive.
- (D) To describe how flowers get their colors.



(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to \_\_\_\_\_ the reader.

*— continue writing on the lines below*

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(3) Which detail from the passage BEST shows the author's purpose?

- (A) Each hive has thousands of bees working together.
- (B) The queen bee lays all the eggs.
- (C) Honeybees are very important helpers in nature.
- (D) They build homes called hives, often in trees or special boxes.

(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.

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(5) If you were writing about the same topic, which purpose would YOU choose — to persuade, inform, or entertain? Explain why.

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