



Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching.

Buzz's Meadow Lesson

In a meadow bursting with color, lived Buzz, a young bee with boundless energy . He flew from blossom to blossom, gathering nectar with impressive speed. Buzz was proud of his work and always sought to be the most productive bee in the hive. One sunny morning, Buzz discovered a new patch of rare, purple bellflowers. Their nectar was exceptionally sweet, and Buzz decided this patch would be his secret to making the most honey ever. "Why bother with the common daisies," he buzzed to himself, "when these bells hold such treasure?"



He spent his days exclusively at the purple bellflowers, ignoring the vast fields of clover and the tall, swaying poppies. The sweet, heavy scent of clover, usually a comforting presence, went unnoticed by Buzz. Other bees, like his friend Pip, continued to visit a variety of flowers. "Buzz," Pip called one afternoon, "why do you only visit the bellflowers? Our Queen reminds us of the importance of variety for the meadow's health."



Buzz merely waved a wing. "Pip, my friend, you just don't understand efficiency! These bellflowers are superior. I will have the most delicious honey in the hive!" He imagined the praise he would receive. He worked tirelessly, collecting every drop he could from his chosen patch.

Nearby, an ancient Sunflower named Sunny watched Buzz with a gentle, knowing gaze. Sunny had seen many seasons come and go. One evening, as Buzz returned to the hive,



tired but triumphant, Sunny spoke in a rustling whisper, "Young Bee, the meadow thrives on balance. A single patch, however sweet, cannot sustain us all forever." Buzz, too focused on his success, barely heard the wisdom in the wind.

Weeks passed. Buzz's special patch of purple bellflowers began to look tired. Their petals drooped, and fewer new blossoms appeared. Because Buzz had focused only on them, other flowers in the meadow, like the clover and poppies, were not pollinated as much. Their seeds were fewer, and the meadow's vibrant tapestry started to fray. Soon, even Buzz noticed that his beloved bellflowers were producing less nectar. His honey stores, which he expected to be overflowing, were not much larger than Pip's, who had visited many different flowers .



Buzz finally understood Sunny's words. By taking too much from one source and neglecting others, he had harmed the system that supported him. The meadow needed all its parts to flourish. From that day on, Buzz learned to spread his efforts, understanding that true abundance comes from respecting nature's interconnectedness. The lesson was clear: taking only what you need, and from many sources, helps everyone thrive.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character of this fable, and where does he live?

(2) What was Buzz's main challenge or problem in the story?



(3) Why did Buzz decide to only collect nectar from the purple bellflowers?

(4) Was Buzz's choice to focus only on the purple bellflowers a good one? Use a detail from the fable to support your answer.

(5) What lesson does this fable teach about nature, and how could this lesson help you in real life?

