

Non-Fiction Reading Comprehension: True or False

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 **Read the text carefully:**

The Amazing World of Bees

Bees are incredibly important insects that play a vital role in our ecosystem. There are over 20,000 different species of bees worldwide, but the honey bee is the most well-known. Honey bees live in colonies that can contain up to 60,000 bees during the summer months.

Within a bee colony, there are three types of bees: the queen, the workers, and the drones. The queen bee is the only bee that lays eggs, and she can live for up to five years. Worker bees are all female and do most of the work in the hive, including collecting nectar, making honey, and caring for young bees. They only live for about six weeks during the busy summer season. Drones are male bees whose only job is to mate with the queen.

Bees are essential pollinators. As they fly from flower to flower collecting nectar, pollen sticks to their fuzzy bodies and is transferred to other plants. This process helps plants reproduce. In fact, about one-third of the food we eat depends on pollination by bees and other insects. Without bees, we would lose many fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

Honey bees communicate through special dances. When a worker bee finds a good source of nectar, it returns to the hive and performs a "waggle dance" to tell other bees where to find the flowers. The direction and length of the dance indicate the location and distance of the food source. This remarkable form of communication helps the whole colony work together efficiently.

 **Read each statement and write TRUE or FALSE:**

1. There are over 20,000 species of bees in the world.

Answer: _____

2. A bee colony can have up to 60,000 bees during winter.

Answer: _____

3. Worker bees are all male.

Answer: _____

- 4.** The queen bee can live for up to five years.

Answer: _____

- 5.** Worker bees live for about six weeks during summer.

Answer: _____

- 6.** Bees pollinate about half of the food we eat.

Answer: _____

- 7.** Bees communicate with each other through special dances.

Answer: _____

- 8.** The waggle dance tells other bees where to find food.

Answer: _____

- 9.** Drones are female bees that collect nectar.

Answer: _____

- 10.** Pollen sticks to bees' bodies as they fly from flower to flower.

Answer: _____