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# Honey Makers

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Honey is the oldest known sweetener used by humans. Honey is a natural sugar made by bees. Among its many benefits, honey is one of the easiest foods for our bodies to digest. It has been known to calm a cough and to soothe a sore throat. It's also known for its ability to kill bacteria. So where is this natural wonder made?



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The bees then add an enzyme to the nectar. An enzyme is a chemical made inside a living thing. The enzymes that are made by a bee's body will mix with the nectar and change it into honey. The honey is fully ripened after three days.



Honeybees make their own honey to eat, so they can stay alive and healthy. Since honey is beneficial to humans too, people have learned to raise honeybees. Bee farmers, called beekeepers, will take care of large hives with millions of bees so they can collect the honey.

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  - d. Honey can kill bacteria.
  
2. Complete the graphic organizer.

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3. How do honeybees carry nectar back to the hive?

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3. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?
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  - b. to tell readers how honey is made
  - c. to persuade readers to become beekeepers
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the article.

Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1.    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ z \_\_\_ \_\_\_ e

**clue:** a chemical made inside a living thing

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ l \_\_\_ h \_\_\_

**clue:** opposite of sick

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.    \_\_\_  
**clue**



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2.    \_\_\_

**clue:** things mixed together to make a new food or substance

5.    \_\_\_ i \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ t

**clue:** body's process of breaking down food

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**clue:** people or animals who live together

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7.    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ t \_\_\_ e

**clue:** to feel better

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. h e a l t h y

2. healthy

clue: opposite of sick

3. n e

clue



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2. i n

clue: things mixed together to make a new food or substance

5. d i g e s t

5. digest

clue: body's process of breaking down food

6. c o l o n y

6. colony

clue: people or animals who live together

7. s o o t h e

7. soothe

clue: to feel better