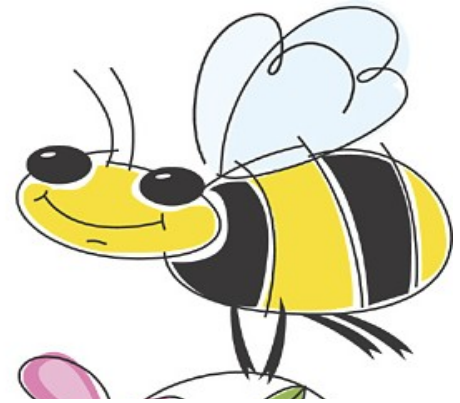


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The Spelling Bee

by B.J. Lee

Do you know a Spelling Bee?
I know one well, and vow that she
can spell the names of all the flowers
whose sweet nectar she devours.



I took this Spelling Bee with me

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She spelled "Petunia." Quite divine!

And with "Dahlia" she did fine.

Then she missed both "Thigh" and "Thumb,"

but quickly spelled "Chrysanthemum."

So I found out that Spelling Bees

cannot spell all words with ease.

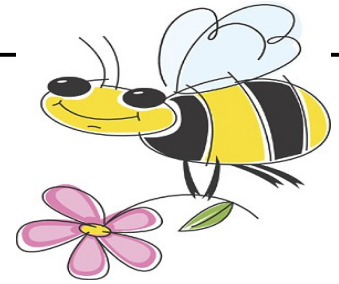
For flower names, they spell each one,

but other words? They know none.

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2. Complete the table.

Words the Spelling Bee

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3. What is the genre of this poem?
- a. historical fiction
 - b. realistic fiction
 - c. science fiction
 - d. fantasy
4. Which word would the Spelling Bee most likely misspell?
- a. daffodil
 - b. petal
 - c. violet
 - d. buttercup

Just for fun: Ask a friend to spell the names of the flowers below. See how many they spell correctly.

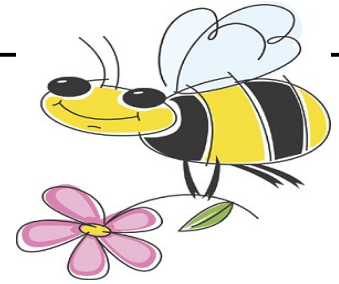
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of Words Correct

Name: _____



The Spelling Bee

Vocabulary Activity

Step 1: Re-read the poem, "The Spelling Bee." As you read, use a highlighter or yellow crayon to highlight each of the vocabulary words from the box.

vow	nectar	devour
petunia	thigh	ease

Step 2: N



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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____ devour

4. _____ petunia

5. _____ thigh

6. _____ ease

c. part of your leg between your hip and knee

d. completed without difficulty; simple

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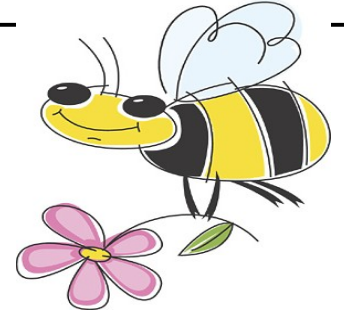
f. popular garden flower

Step 3: Write a complete sentence that correctly uses two of the vocabulary words above. Be sure your sentence is at least 8 words long.

Name: _____

“The Spelling Bee” Poem

Related Activities



Activity 1: On a sheet of lined paper, make a list of 10 popular species of garden flowers. Choose flowers that are not mentioned in the poem, or on the question page. Use a dictionary, encyclopedia, or the internet to help find the correct spelling of each. Draw a picture of each flower next to its name.

Activity 2: Pretend you're organizing a spelling bee for your friends. On a sheet of lined paper, make

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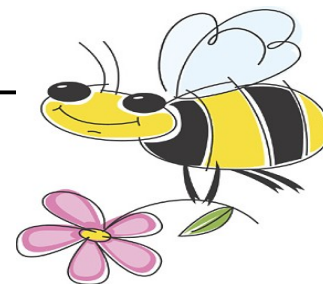
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Activity 3: Use grid paper to draw a map of your garden. Draw the flowers and label each species. Also draw and label other things in your garden, such as a bench, a birdbath, or a fence. Then, write a descriptive paragraph titled, “My Garden.” Be sure your paragraph has at least 7 complete sentences. Include vivid, descriptive words in your writing.

Activity 4: Research bumble bees. Use books from the library, web sites, or encyclopedias to find information. Your research report should have five paragraphs -

1. Introduction paragraph
2. Anatomy of a Bumble Bee (Describe a bee's body parts.)
3. Habitat of a Bumble Bee (Describe where they live and what their homes are like.)
4. Life Cycle of a Bumble Bee (Describe how they change during their lives.)
5. Interesting Facts About Bumble Bees (Describe any other fascinating facts you find.)

ANSWER KEY



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