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?

A honeybee colony has to have honey in order to survive. Honey is made and stored in a hive. Worker bees bring nectar and water to the hive. These are the most important ingredients for making honey. They even have special sacks on their back legs called "pollen sacks" for carrying nectar.

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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   clue: opposite of sick
   2. ______________________

3. ___
   clue: things mixed together to make a new food or substance
   3. ______________________

4. ___ r ___ ___ s
   4. ______________________

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   clue: body's process of breaking down food
   5. ______________________

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

3. **n e c t a r**
   - clue: sweet liquid found in plants
   - **nectar**

4. **i n g r e d i e n t s**
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   - **ingredients**

5. **d i g e s t**
   - clue: body's process of breaking down food
   - **digest**

6. **c o l o n y**
   - clue: people or animals who live together
   - **colony**

7. **s o o t h e**
   - clue: to feel better
   - **soothe**

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