

Busy Bees and Pollination · Conversation & classroom guide

Learning with a grown-up · Ages 4–8 · Flexible participation

How can a flower visitor help a plant make seeds?

Learning aim: Trace pollen moving between flowers of the same kind.

A five-minute conversation

Point to the bee and find the pollen in the illustration. Read the sequence: a bee visits flowers for nectar or pollen, pollen sticks to its body, and some can rub off on another flower of the same kind. Explain that this can help many plants make seeds. The diagram enlarges the tiny details.

Remember: Our growing plant reached the flower stage. How might a flower visitor help the story continue toward new seeds?

Start here: Point to the bee and the pollen in the picture.

Explore further: Explain what the bee carries and where some of it can rub off.

What can stick to the bee's body?

Answer cue: Pollen.

Where can the bee carry some pollen next?

Answer cue: To another flower of the same kind.

How can this help many plants?

Answer cue: It helps them make seeds.

Keep the idea clear

Bees are one example of pollinators. Observe them from a distance with an adult; do not touch or disturb them.

Try: Follow the visitor

Materials: The poster and an adult; optional paper and drawing materials. Describing or pointing is enough.

1. Use two flower drawings or the two pictured flowers.
2. Trace or describe a bee visiting the first flower and carrying pollen.
3. Continue to another flower of the same kind, then connect the journey to making seeds.

What this can show: Pollen moves on the visitor's body. The bee is not carrying ready-made seeds between the flowers.

Return to it: Return to the Plant Life Cycle picture. Where does this flower visit fit in the longer story?

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A 20-minute classroom lesson

Prepare: Read the poster, answer cues and misconception note. Prepare only the materials named in the activity; keep a picture-only or described option available.

Words to explore

pollen — Tiny grains made by flowers that help with seed production.

pollination — Moving pollen to a flower part where it can help the plant make seeds.

3 min · Reconnect and wonder: How can a flower visitor help a plant make seeds? Invite an initial idea; record it without marking it right or wrong.

4 min · Look together: Point to the bee and the pollen in the picture. Introduce pollen using the poster.

8 min · Investigate or represent: Use “Follow the visitor.” Let pairs take turns noticing and recording, with adult help and the activity’s stated boundaries.

5 min · Explain and return: Ask the core check: How can a flower visitor help a plant make seeds? Accept pointing, words, signing or a drawing. If the learner is ready, offer this optional extension: Explain what the bee carries and where some of it can rub off.

Understanding check: How can a flower visitor help a plant make seeds?

Answer guidance: Pollen can stick to a visiting bee and rub onto another flower of the same kind, helping the plant make seeds. Pollen moves on the visitor’s body. The bee is not carrying ready-made seeds between the flowers.

Accept pointing, speech, signing, a drawing or adult dictation. Describe the illustration and use labels/position as well as color. Offer one contrast first, and use the extension when the learner is ready.

A response to keep

My idea or question

What I noticed (date/time if useful)

What I think now / my next question

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Related story: How Does It Grow? — Follow Gina’s seed-to-snack question, then return to the plant observations.

Our discovery record

Use words, marks, a drawing or an adult's notes. Keep this page with you; nothing needs to be uploaded.

Date / time (if useful): _____

My question or idea

What I noticed

What I think now

What I want to explore next

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