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Swarming Honeybees Reading Guide

Complete all of the questions below as you read the 2015 article about swarming honeybees.

1. Which sentence in the first paragraph tells you what the article will be about? Write the sentence here.

2. How many bees can take the form of a swarm? _____

3. Why would you want to let a bee keeper capture a honey bee swarm? Use a complete sentence.

4. _____ causes bees to suddenly abandon their hives.

5. Colony collapse and the decline in honey bees is caused by which of the following:

- a. pesticide exposures
- b. diseases
- c. parasites
- d. loss of habitat
- e. all of the above

6. Swarming behavior occurs in late spring or early summer as a way of propagating the species. What does "*propagating the species*" mean? Google and use a complete sentence to explain.

7. Which of the following are true facts about swarming behavior:

- a. The queen bee leaves the hive bringing up to half of the colony with her.
- b. The swarm of bees may rest on tree branches or other objects.
- c. The swarm of bees is looking for a new home.
- d. All of the above

8. What can a person do to safely remove a swarm of bees from their yard? Use a complete sentence.

9. A swarm of bees from a wild or feral colony is likely to be very hardy (healthy). True or False

Language Arts Standards: 7.RI.10, 7.W.7, 7.L.6