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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### How can we help wild bees?

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/3GJ95vB>

**1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

**2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

**3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. What was honey known as in ancient times?
  - a) pure gold
  - b) yellow gold
  - c) liquid gold
2. Which word is similar in meaning to 'unaware'?
  - a) oblivious
  - b) obvious
  - c) oblivion
3. Which phrase describes animal species which are 'barely surviving or continuing to exist through great efforts'?
  - a) clinging off
  - b) clinging on
  - c) clinging to
4. Which of the following food would a 'vegan' eat?
  - a) meat
  - b) honey
  - c) fruit
5. "Because they pollinate plants, bees and other insects are vital to life on Earth. But most humans don't appreciate this. We \_\_\_\_."
  - a) take insects to granted
  - b) take insects for granted
  - c) take insects granted
6. Which phrase describes 'small areas of habitat in which a particular insect or animal can survive'?
  - a) isolated bags
  - b) isolated boxes
  - c) isolated pockets

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**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**


**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

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- a. vegan – person who does not consume animal products such as meat, eggs, milk or honey
- b. a question mark around/over (something) – used when there is doubt or uncertainty about something
- c. clinging on – (idiom) continuing to survive or exist with great effort
- d. isolated pockets – small areas of habitat in which a particular insect or animal can survive
- e. take (something) for granted – fail to value or appreciate something which benefits you; not show you are grateful for something
- f. oblivious – unaware; unmindful

5. 1c, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5b, 6c

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.