

Killer Bees

Review Key Words⁶

- gentle** Gentle means mild or not likely to cause harm.
- mean** When an animal is mean, it is easily upset and does not act in a nice way.
- swarm** A swarm is a big group of insects, often bees, moving together.
- chase** Chase means to follow something in order to catch it.



Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

5 Bees are very important. They
 12 make honey and help **crops** to grow.
 19 There are many kinds of bees. One
 27 kind is **gentle**, but it does not work
 34 hard. Another kind of bee is very
 42 **mean**, but it is a hard worker. This
 49 bee makes much more honey than the
 55 gentle bee. One man thought that
 62 **mating** these two bees would be a
 68 good idea. He thought **crossing** the
 75 two kinds of bees would make a
 82 gentle, hard-working bee. That was a
 89 big mistake.

84 Crossing the two kinds of bees
 90 **produced** a new bee. This bee is
 97 known as the killer bee. The killer

104 bee is **dangerous**. It gets upset
 110 easily. Just a **sudden** noise can upset
 117 this bee. Then it may attack and
 124 sting.

125 One sting from a killer bee is not
 133 enough to kill a person. But when
 140 this bee stings, it leaves its **guts** with
 148 its stinger. Other killer bees can
 154 smell the guts left behind. They
 160 **chase** the person. Thousands of
 165 killer bees will chase one person.
 171 Many people have been killed by
 177 these bees. No wonder people are
 183 afraid of a **swarm** of killer bees!
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	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Some bees are gentle but do not work hard.
 - b. A swarm of killer bees will chase a person.
 - c. Crossing two kinds of bees produced a dangerous bee.
2. What can upset the killer bee?
 - a. a swarm
 - b. a sudden noise
 - c. a gentle bee
3. What does the word **crossing** mean in this story?
 - a. mating two kinds of animals
 - b. drawing a line through something
 - c. going to the other side of the street
4. Why do thousands of killer bees chase someone?
 - a. The killer bees get upset when they smell people.
 - b. The bees smell the guts left behind when a killer bee stings someone.
 - c. A sting from one killer bee is not enough to kill a person.
5. Why is the killer bee so dangerous?

Parent Tips

1. Have the student read the ENTIRE story to himself & answer the questions.
2. Time the student while he reads aloud for exactly 1 minute. Do not help fix mistakes.
3. If the student is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word & count it as a mistake.
4. Record the number of words read and the number of errors. Subtract: words read – errors = total words read correctly.
5. Now, help fix mistakes.
6. You may wish to read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
7. Repeat the steps on other days.
