

Little Busy Bee question and answer

C.1 Answer the following questions:

1. Who is the poet speaking about?

Answer: The poet is speaking about a little busy bee.

2. Why does the bee sit on the flower?

Answer: The bee sits on the flower to collect honey.

3. How does bee build her cell?

Answer: The bee builds her cell skill fully.

4. 'I would be busy too.' Who does 'I' refer to?

Answer: 'I' refers to the poet Issac Watts.

5. What does 'sweet food' mean in the context?

Answer: In the context 'sweet food' means honey.

6. When does Satan manage to work through?

Answer: The Satan manages to work through when we are idle.

C. 2 Pick out the best alternative for each of the following statements.

1. People like the bee because:

- a. it is clever
- b. it sits on the opening flower
- c. it works hard
- d. they get honey from it.

Answer: c. it works hard

2. And labours hard to store it well. Here 'it' refers to

- a. the bee
- b. the honey
- c. the wax
- d. the flower

Answer: b. the honey

C.3 Read and discuss your responses with your partner. Then write.

1. Why does the poet call the bee busy?

Answer: The poet calls the bee busy because it is working all the time.

2. "Let my first years be passed."

a] What does 'first years' refer to?

Answer: 'First years' refer to the young days.

b] How does the poet want to spend his first years?

Answer: The poet wants to spend his first years by reading books, by working or healthful play.

c] Why does he want to do so?

Answer: The poet wants to do fruitful and good things so that he can give some good account at last.

3. How can you say that the bee is intelligent and clever?

Answer: The bee is busy doing things. It collects nectar and saves it for the future use. It builds its beehive skilfully and this is why it is clever.

4. What is admirable about the work of the bee?

Answer: The bee's hard work and dedication are the qualities that make it admirable.

5. Why does the poet want us to be like the bee?

Answer: The bee is always busy doing its work. It doesn't waste time; it saves for its future. It skilfully builds its beehive. The poet wants us to learn this quality of the bee of using our time fruitfully and saving things for our future.

6. Why should we not keep ourselves idle? What will happen if we are idle?

Answer: When we are idle, negative and useless thoughts come in our mind. These thoughts make home in our mind. There are mischievous thoughts when we are idle. It is important for us to keep ourselves busy and do something fruitful that will reap benefits for us.

7. What is the message of the poem?

Answer: The message of the poem is that we should work like the bees. We should keep our self-occupied with good work and save for the future.

8. Which lines do you like the best in the poem? Give reasons for your choice.

Answer:

In books or work or healthful play,

Let my first years be passed,

I like the above lines as the poet tell how it is important to spend our young days by doing something fruitful. By reading books we can get knowledge. By doing work and playing healthfully one can reap good benefits for the future.

9. Pick out the rhyming words in the poem and add more words to each of the rhyming pair.

e.g. play..... day may

Answer: cell – well- tell- dwell

Skill- still- mill – will

Play – day – may – way