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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

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When its pouch is full, the forager flies back to the hive. It passes the nectar to a house bee. The house bee chews the nectar and adds something from its own body. This helps change the nectar into honey.

Next, the house bee puts the nectar into a wax cell. The new honey is still too wet. So the bees fan their wings over the cells to dry it out. When the honey is thick, the bees cover each cell with a wax cap.

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   on its long tongue on its fuzzy back legs in its honey stomach

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   chews it and adds something from its body
   carries it back out to a flower far away
   fans it with its wings to help it dry out

3. Why do the bees fan their wings over the cells?
   to call the foragers home again
   to wake up the house bees
   to dry out the wet honey

4. Which sentence from the text shows that bees need honey when it is cold?
   Bees save honey to use as food in winter, when no flowers are blooming.
   On warm days, bees fly from flower to flower to find nectar and pollen.
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