

Test Your Thinking Skills

Read the phrases below from the story. Circle the meaning of the underlined word by using clues from the text.

1. "They are necessary for the survival and growth of many different ecosystems."

- A. neighborhood B. habitat C. country. D. space

2. "Minna took her paw and swatted the bug off Elmer."

- A. brushed B. blew C. crushed D. kicked

3. "They need to be protected because their population is in decline."

- A. increasing B. staying the same. C. decreasing D. disappeared

4. Which one of the following statements is NOT true about honey bees?

- A. a honey bee dies after it stings something
- B. bees can fly at a speed of 15 miles per hour
- C. the buzzing sound is created when honey bees rub their feet together
- D. bees live in hives

5. At the end of the story Minna wants to be friends with the bees because they are amazing. Write down 2 amazing facts that tell why bees are so important.

