

From Bees to Honey

SOL Writing Prep

Directions: Read the article and answer the questions that follow

From Bees to Honey

(1) First John puts on his bee suit, a kind of coverall that fastens tight at the wrists and ankles. (2) He also gets out his hat. (3) The hat has a heavy veil. (4) The zipper at the bottom of the veil connects with a zipper around the neck of the suit. (5) This outfit is designed to keep out angry bees that might sting someone disturbing there hive.

(6) Despite this protection, beekeepers do get stung. (7) Most eventually develop a kind of immunity to bee venom, so that stings don't really bothers them. (8) John Wetzler says he is glad that bees sting. (9) "If they didn't, a lot more people would probably take up beekeeping."

(10) After he is dressed John collects his beekeeping tools. (11) His most important piece of equipment is his *smoker*. (12) A smoker does just what its name suggests: it produces smoke from material burned inside it. (13) John burn old twine, which smolders a long time and makes plenty of thick, cool smoke.

(14) When John opens a hive, he puffs smoke on the bees, using the bellows attached to the smoker. (15) Smoke makes bees react as if their hive is on fire. (16) Preparing for escape, they hurry to the honey stores and load up on honey. (17) A bee carrying honey isn't able to sting very well. (18) Smoking bees makes it safer and easier for the beekeeper to do its work.

(19) The other piece of equipment that John takes to the bee yard is his *hive tool*. (20) This small metal tool is use to open hives and loosen frames. (21) Bees seal up cracks in their hive with a sticky substance called bee glue. (22) The beekeeper has to break these to look inside.

Read sentences 2 and 3.

He also gets out his hat. The hat has a heavy veil.

In these sentences, his hat. The hat has a heavy should be written-

- A** his hat and the hat has a heavy
- B** his hat with its heavy
- C** his hat, but the hat has a heavy
- D** as it is

Read sentence 5.

This outfit is designed to keep out angry bees that might sting someone disturbing there hive.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change is to were
- B** Change to to too
- C** Change sting to stings
- D** Change there to their

Read sentence 7.

Most eventually develop a kind of immunity to bee venom, so that stings don't really bothers them.

In this sentence, bothers should be written-

- A** bothering
- B** bothered
- C** bother
- D** as it is

Directions: Click and drag the comma into the correct location within the sentence. There may be one or more correct locations

Punctuate sentence 10 correctly.

After he is dressed John collects his
beekeeping tools.

,

Read sentence 13.

John burn old twine, which smolders a long time and makes plenty of thick, cool smoke.

In this sentence, burn should be written-

- A** burning
- B** burns
- C** burned
- D** as it is

Read sentence 18.

Smoking bees makes it safer and easier for the beekeeper to do its work.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change safer to safest
- B** Change for to four
- C** Change do to due
- D** Change its to his

Read sentence 20.

This small metal tool is use to open hives and loosen frames

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change metal to medal
- B** Change tool to tulle
- C** Change use to used
- D** Change loosen to loose

What is the topic of paragraph 4?

- A** a beekeeper's clothing
- B** what a smoker is
- C** how and why beekeepers use smokers
- D** what are bees' honey stores

If paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 had a heading placed above them, it would be-

- A** Beekeeper's Clothing
- B** Smoking Bees
- C** Hives and Honey
- D** Beekeeper's Tools