

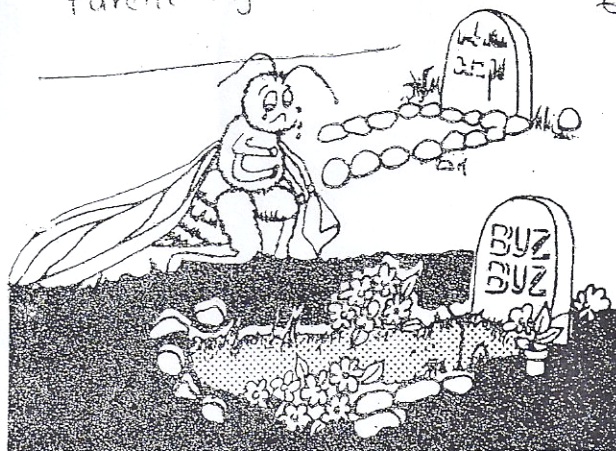
# What happens to a honeybee after it stings?

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- 1 When a honeybee puts its stinger in your skin, the sting hurts. But that's only the beginning of the trouble.
- 2 The outside of the bee's stinger has little hooks on it. These hooks hold the stinger in your skin. The stinger leads to a tiny bag of poison inside the bee's body. The bee squeezes poison through the stinger into your skin. This makes a red bump that may hurt for two or three days. The poison can even make some people sick.
- 3 The bee may look fine after it stings you. It flies away. Maybe you're not watching the bee because you're taking care of the sting. You may not see that the bee usually dies before it gets home.
- 4 Why does the bee die? The bee's stinger is part of its body. After the bee stings you, it pulls very hard to get the stinger out of your skin. Sometimes the bee can't do it. When it flies away, part of its body is torn away. The bee soon dies.
- 5 A bee sting hurts a person. It kills the bee.



Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

1. The bee's stinger has \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
 hooks                       eyes                       honey                       wings
2. Which word in paragraph 3 means almost always?  
 fine                       maybe                       usually                       because
3. The story tells about the bee's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 home                       poison                       wings                       buzz
4. Which paragraph tells why the bee dies?  
 1                       2                       3                       4                       5
5. SICK is to ILL as beginning is to \_\_\_\_\_. Think how the first two words go together. Then mark the word that goes with beginning in the same way.  
 watch                       start                       bump                       end
6. A bee's stinger is part of its body.                       True                       False  
 The stinger leads to a tiny bag of honey.                       True                       False  
 A bee sting may hurt for two or three days.                       True                       False
7. Which word does not belong?  
 stinger                       poison                       bump                       help