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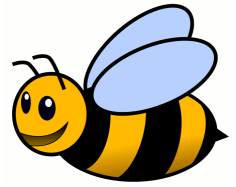
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# The Case of the Disappearing Bees



**Scientists investigate the cause of millions of disappearing bees**

By Jacqueline Adams

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You will be graded according to the distributed Weekly Science Article rubric.

1. What problem did beekeepers and scientists encounter in the fall of 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What have scientists named this occurrence, and what does it stand for? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What role do bees play in *agriculture* (the production of crops)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What effect does the disappearance of these insects have on humans? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What is an *entomologist*? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What evidence did scientists collect when investigating the bee disappearance? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What are some possible explanations that investigators have presented to explain the bee disappearance?

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8. As the most experienced entomologist in the nation, the US government has asked you to present a report to the President explaining why honeybees across America have gone missing. In a minimum of four sentences in a cohesive paragraph, tell our President why the honeybees are disappearing, why this situation is a problem, and what steps the US government can take to rectify the situation.

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