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▶ Honey is sweet and sticky,  
and it tastes good. How is  
honey made?





🔊 Honey is made by bees. They gather nectar from wildflowers. Then they fly home to their hive with the nectar in their special honey stomachs.





▶ The bees put the nectar in honeycomb holes. Then the bees wait. The nectar will soon change into thick, sticky honey.



Worker bees cover the honeycomb holes with wax that they make. During the winter, the bees eat some of the honey.

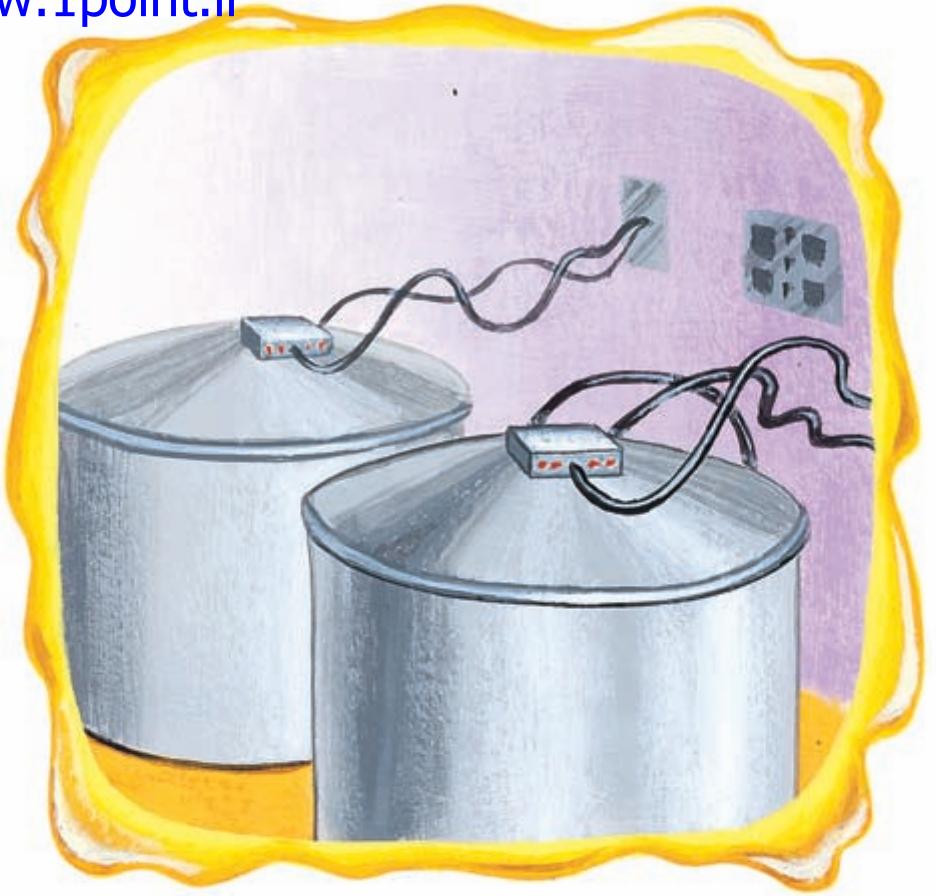




🔊 Beekeepers watch over their hives in the field. The hives are inside boxes. The beekeepers do not touch or poke at the wild bees.







▶ The honeycombs are put into machines that spin very fast. The honey squirts out of the honeycombs.





▶ The honey flows into big tubs. Soon these containers are full.





Workers put the containers onto big trucks. They take the honey to a factory.





Workers take the containers inside the factory. The honey flows in a hose to small jars.





Then trucks bring the jars of honey to stores. Many people work to get the honey onto the shelves.





▶ When the stores open,  
people shop and buy the honey.  
They can't wait to take it home!





▶ People use honey for many things. They put it into tea. They put it on food. They take a dose of honey when they are sick.





🔊 People put honey on apples. They put it in cakes. Another use is for making candy. Honey makes everything taste sweet. It smells good, too.







▶ Honey is good with so many things! Can you think of at least twelve?

▶ Honey is even good alone.










Next time you eat honey, think of the bees. We have bees to thank for sweet honey.



## **Think and Respond**

-  **1** Where does honey come from?
-  **2** How do the bees carry nectar?
-  **3** What are some ways we use honey?
-  **4** Why don't beekeepers touch the bees?
-  **5** Do you like honey? Tell why or why not.



**The Story of Honey** Make a book about honey. Take two pieces of paper. Fold them in half. Draw a picture of where honey comes from. Draw what happens next.



**School-Home Connection** With a family member, talk about honey. What does it look like? What does it taste like? How does it feel? Does it have a smell? If you have some at home, taste it.



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