

Bees dying for a phone call

1 Mobile phones are one of the most useful inventions of the last 50 years; but not everything that is said about them is good. Mobiles are frequently blamed for a number of things, from thumb injuries and headaches to house fires. One theory even blames mobile phones for the disappearance of bees.

2 The theory is that the bees' navigation systems are damaged by the radiation that is given off by mobile phones. Bees have a built-in system a bit like GPS and this helps them find their hive. But recently, thousands of bees have failed to find their way home. It is believed they are dying far from their hives.

3 The problem was first noticed by beekeepers in America and is a lot more complicated than at first seems. The important thing about bees is that most of the crops in many countries of the world are pollinated by them. Without bees, the crops can't continue to grow. Many beekeepers in America and Europe reported losing between 50 and 70 percent of their bees. Jim Piper, a London beekeeper, was recently asked how the problem was affecting him. 'My business has been ruined by this,' he explained. 'Twenty-nine of my forty hives are now empty.'

4 Nobody has proved that this theory is true. But it's a fact that bees are disappearing in very large number, and we can't manage without them. Einstein said that if all our bees disappeared, man would only live for four more years. The situation needs to be evaluated by the world's best scientists. If the mobile phone theory is correct, we need to do something about it immediately – before it's too late.

COMPREHENSION

1- Match the titles with the paragraphs. Write the letters in the boxes. 4pnts

a- It's time to act!
b- Bees are losing their way.
c- No bees- no food.
d- A strange idea.

2- Read the text and answer the questions. 4pnts

1. Why are mobile phones believed to be harmful to bees?

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2. Who were the first people to notice the problem? Where?

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3. What has ruined Jim Piper's business?

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4. There is no proof for the mobile phone theory, but what can we say about bees?

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3- What do the underlined words in the text refer to? 2pnts

o him :
o them :

VOCABULARY

5. Complete the sentences by changing the word in capitals to the correct form. 3pnt

- ✓ The drawings in this art book are(AMAZE)
- ✓ I got some really useful..... about courses at the fashion college when i was there. (INFORM)
- ✓ It is shocking how many types of plants and animals are facing.....(EXTINCT)
- ✓ Howard is a pianist.(TALENT)
- ✓ Many organisations call for the of wild animals.(PROTECT)
- ✓ What is the between rollerblading and roller-skating?(DIFFER)

6. Complete the sentences with these words. 4pnts

decorated –memory- huge- awarding

- ✓ He has a good and he's sure he hasn't see her before.
- ✓ My father has a number of ties because he never throws them away.
- ✓ He has his room with pictures of all his favourite sports figures.
- ✓ The president is prizes to the winners.

7. Complete the paragraph with these phrasal verbs. 3pnts

call off - get up - go on - make up for - run out - set up

Today has been a really bad day. I didn't hear my alarm clock, so I didn't (1) at the right time. In fact, I was two hours late! I went into the kitchen to make a cup of coffee, but the milk had (2) ! When I got to college, I discovered that the lecturers needed to (3) all my classes because they had to have a meeting to (4) some new courses. When I got home, I found a message from Diane saying that they were going to turn our favourite cinema into a car park! I wonder how match longer this is going to (5) for! I think I'll go out for a meal with my friend later to (6) the difficult day .

GRAMMAR

8. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.(In each sentence one verb should be in the PAST PERFECT and the other in the PAST SIMPLE) 5pnts

- ✓ As soon as the film..... (start) Beth realised she (see) it before.
- ✓ I (be) surprised to find that Mr Cole (leave) the day before.
- ✓ Helen (feel) much better after she (have) a good sleep.
- ✓ Geoff (not see) his parents for fifteen years so he (feel) rather nervous at the airport.
- ✓ After Sarah (know) Alan for a few weeks he..... (ask) her out to dinner.

9. Circle the correct words: 5pts

- ✓ **I used to eat / I was eating** crisps while he was watching the match.
- ✓ **She has left / left** home two days ago.
- ✓ **My father goes / is going** fishing every weekend, but he never catches anything.
- ✓ A: I forgot to tell Jack about the meeting.
B: Don't worry! **I will / am going to** phone him.
- ✓ **Have you seen / did you see** the news last night?

WRITING: 10pnts

Imagine you are doing two week's work experience with an environmental group. You have been cleaning the beaches and explaining to tourists why it is important not to pollute the cost. Write a postcard home telling your family about what you have been doing. (80-100 words)

Good luck