

# Welcome TO THE FOREST



# Autumn honey harvest

The morning autumn mist had already settled in the Black Forest when Willi the bear was woken up by a growling in his stomach.

"I would like something to eat," he said aloud. "Maybe some honey?"

Sleepily, he rose from the bed and marched to the pantry.

He searched in all the nooks and crannies and was surprised to find that there was no trace left of the there was no trace of the delicious candy left.

'Not good,' he thought. 'Where am I going to get the honey now?'



Did you know that ...

there are different types of honey?

Nectar honey (e.g. lime honey) is made from flower nectar, while honeydew honey is made from tree honeydew, a plant sap that is eaten and then excreted by insects that feed on the leaves, twigs and needles of trees. The sweetness of the honeydew attracts bees, which collect it from the leaves.



Meanwhile, squirrel Hannah and owl Anna were stringing beautiful mushrooms they had found on their walk. They were happily discussing where to hang the fragrant garlands to dry to decorate their houses. And Ignatz the hedgehog was busy sealing the roof for the coming winter.

"Hello team!" greeted Willi, "you wouldn't happen to have any honey with you, would you?"

"What do you mean?" wondered Anna. "You had several jars full! What a glutton!"

Ignatz started laughing so loudly that he slid down the gutter and the tools flew around.

"I don't think there's any more of your honey. After all, summer is over," he said, and he didn't stop laughing.

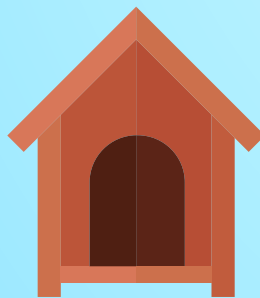
„On the contrary!" Hanna interjected. „If we hurry, we'll still find it! I know where the bees live!"



And do you know where the bees live?  
Mark their home with a pencil.



Hole



House



Nest



Hive



Cave

The group took their backpacks and set off deep into the forest.

Since it is already cool in autumn and it gets dark faster, they decided not to walk for too long. After an hour's walk, however, they took a short break to rest. At some point Willi raised his head and his gaze was fixed on a single point.

"What is that?" he asked, narrowing his eyes. "Can you see it? There's something hanging there."

The other three looked in the same direction.

"Aha, something like little houses," pondered Owl Anna.

"Those aren't cottages, they're traps," replied Hedgehog.

"Traps! We'd better get out of here." She was frightened.

"Take it easy, Anna. We're in no danger!"

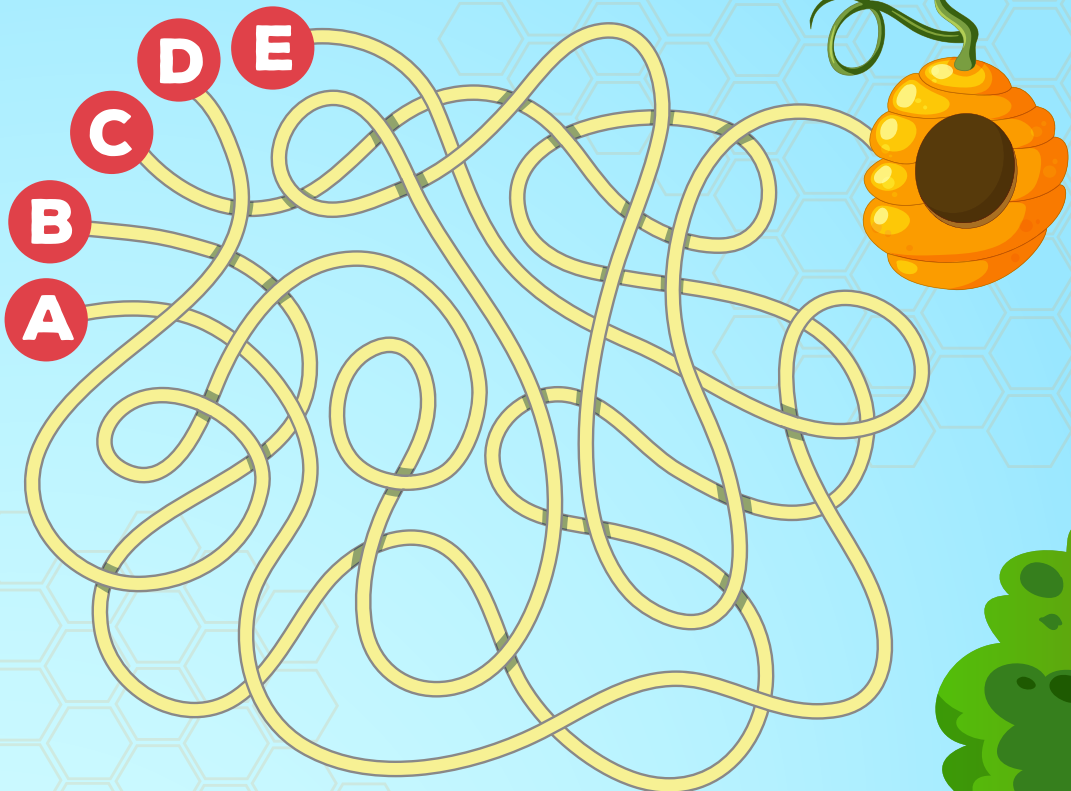




Eco-traps are devices that attract insects with their scent and are used to monitor and catch harmful insects. They help you gain valuable information so that you can better protect your plants from pests. If you come across such traps in the forest, never destroy them, because they fulfil a very important function!

The team marched on. Hannah Squirrel told her friends about bees and their habits. They could not believe that they were such interesting and useful creatures. However, they were completely amazed when it turned out that the bees' work was to increase the amount of healthy pollen seeds needed to regenerate the forest. It provides forest fruits like strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries, as well as food for birds.

Help the bee find its way to the hive.



"What about the honey?" asked Willi with interest, "Why do they actually produce it?"

- To eat something," Hannah replied. "Bees are very industrious. They collect as much honey as they can in spring and summer to get through the winter."

## Golden sweetness

Since ancient times, honey has been highly valued as a remedy. It helps with many ailments such as sore throats or stomach aches. And on top of that, it never spoils!

Count the honey jars and colour in the corresponding number of boxes.




"At last!" Ignatz rejoiced. "There are the beehives! We'll only take as much honey and leave the rest for the bees."

The group packed the honey into their backpacks and headed home.

On their return, they set about making delicious pancakes with honey together.

# Honey pancakes



Ask your mother or father for help. You need:

- 1 cup wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 glass milk
- 3/4 cup water
- a pinch of salt
- 3 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil
- a few tablespoons honey
- cinammon

1. Put the flour in a bowl and add the eggs, milk, water and salt.
2. Mix or blend until smooth.
3. add the melted butter or vegetable oil and mix again.
4. Fry the pancakes in a well-heated frying pan.

When the underside of the pancake is nicely browned and crusted, flip it to the other side.

5. when removed to a plate, spread with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Enjoy!



Our friends already know how important bees are. However, their population is declining. Do you know how we can work together to improve their lives?

Here are a few tips:

- Set up niches with honey plants in gardens, on balconies and around the house.
- Use natural fertilisers.
- Do not burn grass!
- Give the bees access to water, e.g. in a saucer or pot.
- Set up a bee house.



It was a day full of excitement.  
The Forest Friends is getting ready for winter, because with it  
comes new challenges! See you there!

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Tools that work for you

