

Activity 3) Bee-tastic Board Game

Learn about what bees like and what they don't in our bee-tastic board game!

Materials

A4 sheets to form game board – can be enlarged to A3

Sheet of game cards

Scissors

A dice

Counters – you could use a coin, a board game counter or make your own

Preparation

Print out the game board below and enlarge if necessary. To preserve the board, you may wish to laminate this.

Print the game cards and cut these up, these could also be laminated.

You will also need a dice and a counter for each person playing.

Playing the game

To start, each player throws the dice and the person with the highest roll starts the game.

The players move their counters the same number of squares as on the dice. When a player lands on a flower, a card is selected at random – without looking! – and read aloud. The player must then follow the instructions on this card. The first player to reach the finish wins the game!

Further ideas...

Why not make up your own cards for the game? To help, think about things that are good for the bees and things that are bad...

Bee Game Cards – please cut out!

<p>Go forward 3 squares Your garden has a good selection of flowers for bees</p>	<p>Go back 3 squares Your garden only has sterile bedding plants</p>
<p>Go forward 2 squares You have planted apple and pear trees in your garden</p>	<p>Go back 2 squares The field next door was sprayed with pesticide so some of the bees in your garden were killed</p>
<p>Go forward 2 squares Your bees have produced a good honey crop</p>	<p>Go back 5 squares Almost all of the bees in your hive have died</p>
<p>Go forward 3 squares You have only found a few miles in your hive</p>	<p>Go back 2 squares Some of your bees are seen flying badly</p>
<p>Go forward 2 squares You have treated your colony successfully with chemicals</p>	<p>Go back 3 squares You have counted high numbers of varroa mites in your colony</p>
<p>Go forward 3 squares You counted 3 different species of bumblebees in your garden</p>	<p>Go back 3 squares You used insecticide on your roses</p>
<p>Go forward 5 squares You have planted a patch of wild flowers</p>	<p>Go back 2 squares You cleared the patch of wild flowers from underneath shrubs in your garden</p>
<p>Go forward 3 squares You made a bumblebee nest</p>	<p>Go back 3 squares A rain storm prevents the bees from going out to find food</p>