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Jack's dad makes hives for the bees to live in. He moves the hives around so the bees are always close to lots of flowers.



Jack's dad is a beekeeper. He looks after honeybees so he can collect their honey. The honeybees make a lot more honey than they need. Beekeepers take the extra honey.

The hives have frames inside them. The bees make **honeycomb** on the frames.

The bees make shapes out of wax to store their honey. This is called honeycomb.



How do bees make honey?

Bees get **nectar** from flowers. The nectar inside flowers is like sweet water.



The bees take the nectar back to the hive. They put the nectar into the honeycomb.



The bees beat their wings to make the nectar thicker. This helps turn the nectar into honey.



When the honeycomb is full of honey, the bees put wax over the top.



How do beekeepers get honey?

Beekeepers take the frames of honeycomb out of the hives, and they can get the honey without hurting the bees.



Jack's dad needs to be careful. He doesn't want to get stung so he wears a special veil to keep the bees off his face and head.

He pumps smoke into the hive. The smoke keeps the bees calm.



Jack's dad cuts the wax
off the top of the honeycomb.
He puts the honeycomb into a machine
to get the honey out.
Jack's dad puts the frame back
into the hive so the bees can use it again.
Jack loves to eat honey!





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