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Level 18

Running Words 441 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What was making the buzzing noise near Nina and Tino's playhouse?
- 2 Why did Grandpa tell Nina and Tino to stay inside?
- 3 What happens when a bee hive gets full of bees?
- 4 How did Pia catch the bees?

Inferential

- 5 Why did Tino say they had to tell Grandpa about the bees in the tree?
- 6 Which bee is the most important in the hive?
- 7 Why did Pia have to help the others put on their bee suits?
- 8 Why did Pia give the children a jar of honey that her bees had made?

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Chapter 1

Bees in the Tree!

It was Saturday morning, and the sun was shining.

“Let’s go out into the garden,”
Nina said to her brother, Tino.

“Yes,” said Tino. “We can have our snacks
in our playhouse.”



Nina and Tino went outside.

Their playhouse was near a big tree.

Suddenly, Nina heard a buzzing noise.

“Oh, no!” she cried.

“Look at all the bees in the tree.”

There were thousands of honey bees flying around a tree branch.

“We have to tell Grandpa!” shouted Tino.

They rushed back inside.



“Those bees are looking for a new home,”
said Grandpa, when he saw the tree branch.

“They might sting us,” said Nina.

“The bees won’t sting you if you stay away
from them,” said Grandpa.



Grandpa told Tino and Nina to stay inside.

“My friend Pia is a beekeeper,” he said.

“I’ll call her and ask her to help us.”

“Grandpa, can we please go on the internet and find out about bees?” asked Tino.

“Yes,” said Grandpa.





“Every bee hive has a queen bee,”
said Nina, looking at the computer.

“The queen lays thousands of tiny bee eggs.”

“When a bee hive gets full of bees,
the queen flies away with some of them,
to find a new home,” Tino read.

“Grandpa was right,” said Nina.

“The bees in our garden
are looking for a new home!”