

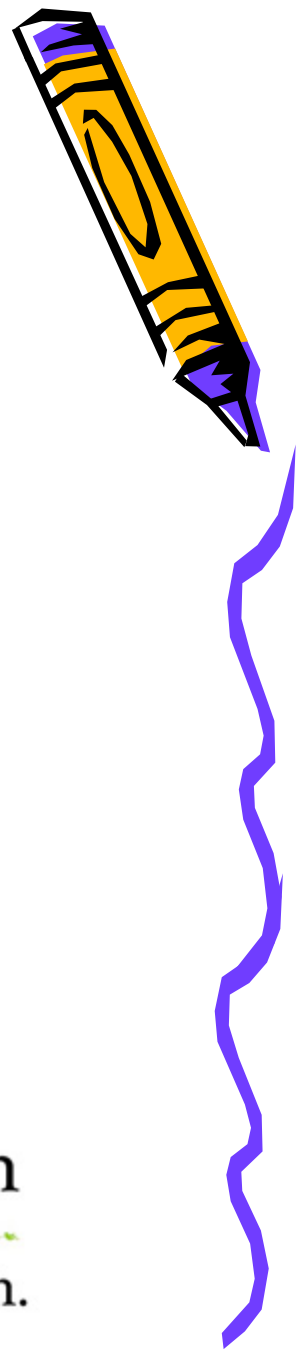
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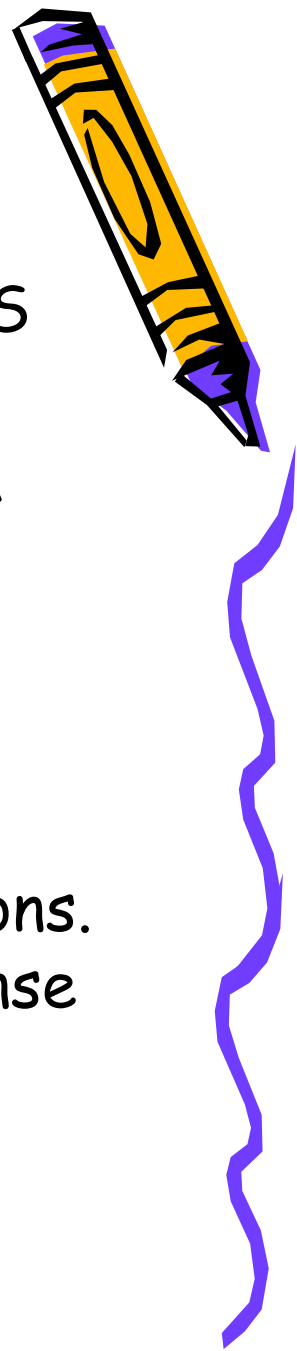
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Test Essentials

- ◆ All students in grades 3-8 must participate in PASS or the South Carolina Alternate Assessment
- ◆ All PASS items are aligned with the South Carolina Academic Standards.
- ◆ PASS consists of writing, English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies tests.
- ◆ PASS tests are not timed.
- ◆ All PASS tests contain multiple-choice test questions. The writing test also includes one extended-response (writing) item.



What will the questions on PASS be like?



- The following questions will be similar to questions that will be on the PASS test.

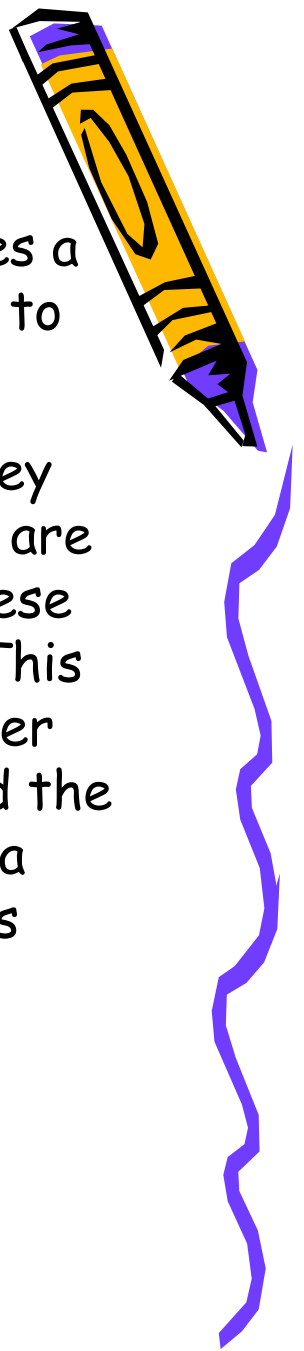


Read the article. Then answer the question.

Most people know honey comes from a hive. But it takes a lot of work to make the sticky, sweet honey so many of us love to eat.

Worker bees are one of three types of honeybees. They live in a colony, or hive, with drones and a queen. Worker bees are the smallest of these honeybees, but they do all the work! These busy bees visit 50 to 100 flowers each day to collect nectar. This sweet liquid produced by flowers is used to make honey. Worker bees then feed this nectar to the queen. They also must guard the entrance to the hive. The bees move their wings 11,400 times a minute to keep the hive cool. Moving their wings so fast causes the bees' familiar buzzing sound.

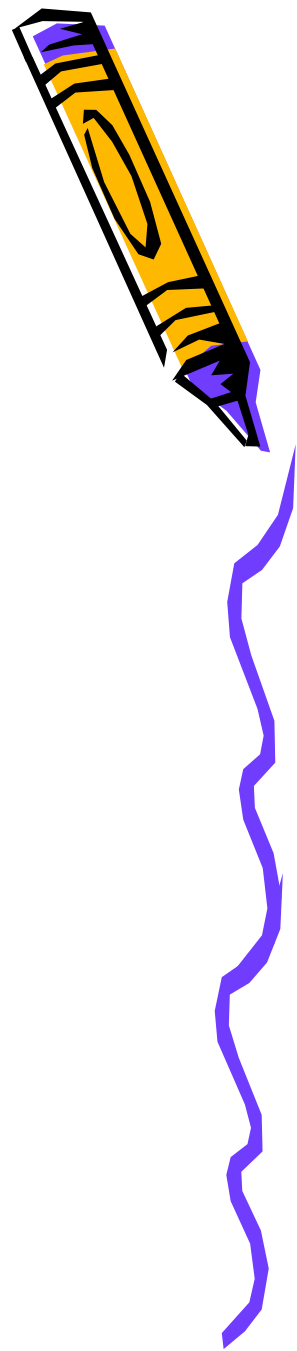
So the next time you put some honey on your toast or biscuit, think about these hard-working honeybees.



1. What would be the best title for this article?

- A. A Taste of Honey
- B. Buzz, Buzz
- C. Busy Bees
- D. Fit for a Queen

Key = C

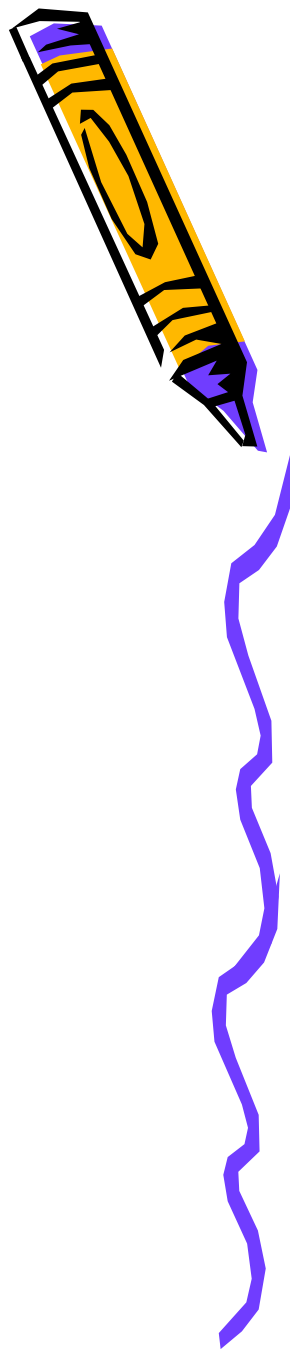


Writing - Grade 4

What is the correct way to write this sentence?

- A. If you were to ask everyone to identify a few of their favorite American athletes, Michael Jordan's name would surely be on the list.
- B. If you were to ask everyone to identify a few of his favorite American athletes, Michael Jordans' name would surely be on the list.
- C. If you were to ask everyone to identify a few of their favorite American athletes, Michael Jordans' name would surely be on the list.
- D. If you were to ask everyone to identify a few of his favorite American athletes, Michael Jordan's name would surely be on the list.

Key = D



Mathematics - Grade 5

Find the sum of $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$.

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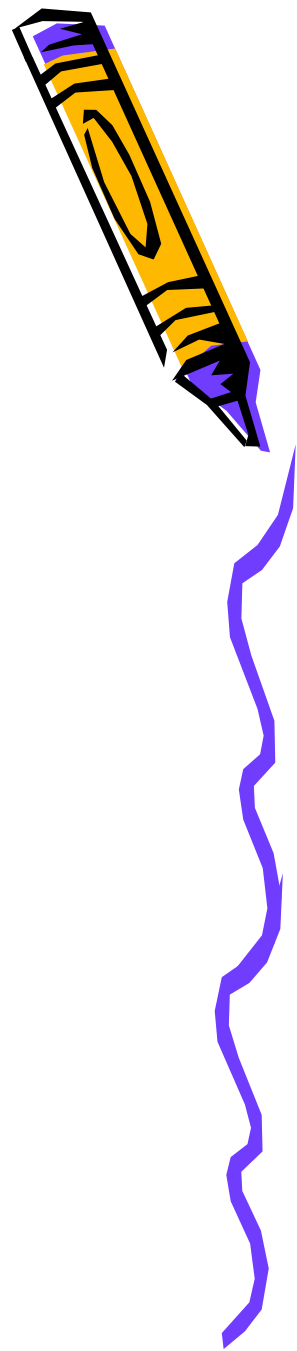
A. $\frac{3}{32}$

B. $\frac{4}{8}$

C. $\frac{4}{12}$

D. $\frac{7}{8}$

Key = D



Science - Grade 4



A student was studying earthworms. In the investigation

- moist soil was placed in the left half of a shoebox
- dry soil was placed in the right half of a shoebox
- 6 earthworms were placed where the two soils met

After three minutes, the student recorded the direction in which the worms moved. Which question was the student trying to answer?

- A. How do earthworms move in containers?
- B. Do earthworms like moist soil better than dry soil?
- C. How many minutes does it take for an earthworm to move?
- D. Do earthworms like shoeboxes or another type of container?

Answer: B

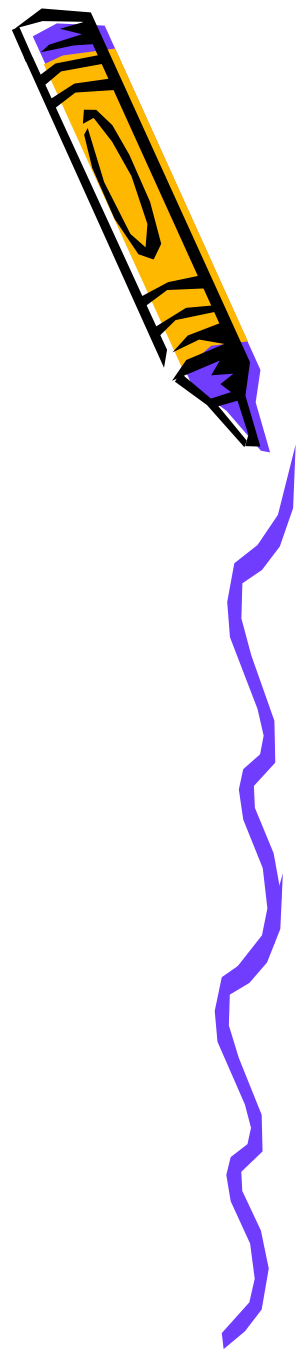


Social Studies - Grade 4

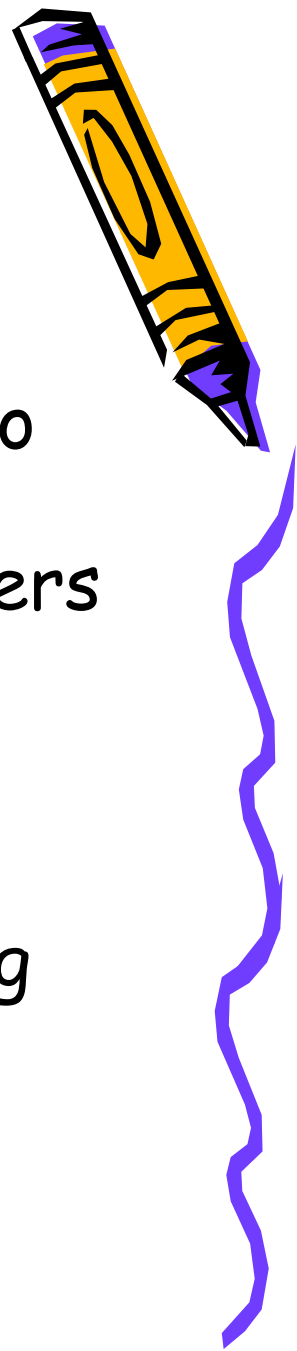
What kind of homes did the Catawba, Cherokee, and Yemassee have?

- A. stone houses
- B. tepees of animal hides
- C. wood and bark houses
- D. mud brick pueblos

Key: C



What will the PASS test look like?



- The test booklet will look very similar to the one from last year.
- This year instead of marking your answers in your test booklet, you will mark your answer on an answer sheet.
- Double check to make sure that the number in your test booklet is also the same number as the one you are marking on your answer sheet.



Your answer sheet will look similar to this. The number of questions will vary from test to test.



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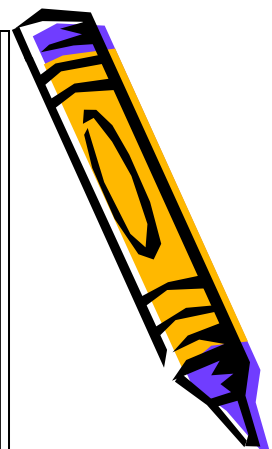
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Important Test-Taking Hints



Do's:

- Stay calm and focus on doing your best
- Read each question carefully
- Check to make sure you answered all questions
- Check for careless mistakes

- Get a good nights sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Don'ts:
- Be upset if you don't know every answer
- Rush through the test



When will the PASS test be given?



- May 12 (Tuesday) ELA (Reading and Research)
- May 13 (Wednesday) Mathematics
- May 14 (Thursday) Science or Social Studies*
- May 15 (Friday) Social Studies**

*All students in grades 3, 5, 6 and 8 will take either the science or the social studies test on May 14. All students in grades 4 and 7 will take the science test.



**All students in grades 4 and 7 will take the social studies test on this date.

Links to Additional Information



- For more detailed information about PASS, click on the **PASS Test Information** button on the home page of the South Carolina Department of Education Web site:
<http://www.ed.sc.gov>
- In the pop-up window, click on **PASS TEST INFORMATION** to open the Office of Assessment PASS Web page. The links for writing, English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies provide additional information about each test.

