

## Conjunctions and Linking Phrases – Bees and Threats

Can you decide on the correct **Conjunctions and Linking phrases** to join sentences in these paragraphs? **Choose** the correct words and write them in the spaces. Be careful with the punctuation. Capitals, commas and full stops are important.

Conjunctions		Linking Phrases
until	, but	Most importantly,
when	Although	Finally,
Wherever	because	Then,
while	if	As a result,

Notice: The **Cause and Effect Structures** are marked. Some **Passives** are marked as well.



## Bees Threatened

Bees are dying around the world. [REDACTED] Australia has its own native bees, honeybees are kept here to produce honey. Honey that we buy in shops comes from these non-native bees. The disease which is killing honeybees around the world has not yet made it to Australia and New Zealand. [REDACTED] the price of honey is rising.

Bees are under threat worldwide for a number of reasons.

Bees are threatened by bee diseases and pests. The number diseases which affect bees is increasing. Australia is the only continent in the world that is free from the **Varroa destructor mite**. This insect is responsible for spreading viruses and contributing a large number of honey bee colony losses globally. How long will it be [REDACTED] this terrible insect arrives in Australia and carries the disease to our bees?

Another reason for danger to bees is habitat destruction. This means the bees are losing nesting sites, and places to collect flower nectar and pollen. Habitat destruction results from cutting trees and from the spread of cities. As our cities become bigger, the places for bees get less.



the use of agricultural chemicals like insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and fertilizers can kill bees. Many of these chemicals are commonly used in farming.

The results are clear. Beekeeping businesses are decreasing in Australia and across the world. Moreover, honey prices are rising [redacted] honey is more difficult to produce. [redacted] there are serious effects on plants and animals in the environment.

Bees are a very important part of the ecosystem. [ ] they are collecting pollen from flowers, they are also carrying pollen to other flowers. [ ] the plants can make fruit. Without the pollen, we would not have fruit. We depend on this process, [ ] other animals and plants depend on it too.

You might not think that this is a serious problem. You might think that it won't affect you personally. You don't eat honey, but you are wrong. Bees die, the natural world suffers. If we protect our bees, the natural environment around us and we will suffer as well. If customs asks you not to bring honey products into Australia, you will understand the reason.