

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

until

when

Wherever

while

, but

Although

because

if

Linking Phrases

Most importantly,

Finally,

Then,

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. [] 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. [] 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 [] 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. [] 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 [] honey is more difficult to produce. [] 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. [] 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.