

WALL OF FAME

A BRILLIANT IDEA



1 Mikaila Ulmer is a girl from Texas, USA. Her story begins when she's four years old and she wants to enter a business competition for children. While she's looking for a good idea, two things happen. She receives a cookery book from her great-grandmother and two bees sting her. Ouch!

2 Mikaila is very afraid of bees so her mother asks her to research these insects. Mikaila learns that they're very important for the environment because they carry pollen from plant to plant. This means that more plants grow. In fact, bees pollinate more than half of the fruit and vegetable plants that we eat every day. Mikaila begins to love bees and she wants to protect them.



3 One day, Mikaila finds a recipe for lemonade in her great-grandmother's cookery book. She thinks of the bees and she decides to add some honey to the recipe. She keeps a bit of sugar in the recipe to be true to her great-grandmother's recipe. It tastes delicious! Mikaila begins to make and sell her special lemonade. Her new business is called *Me & the Bees Lemonade*.

People love Mikaila's lemonade. It hasn't got much sugar so it's healthier than normal lemonade. It's more delicious than normal lemonade, too. Mikaila sells her lemonade from a small table and there are lots of customers. She tells them, 'Buy a bottle ... Save a bee', because she gives some of the money she makes to organisations that protect bees.

Buy a bottle... Save a bee.



cookery book



4 More and more people learn about Mikaila and her lemonade. She appears on television. She even serves a glass of lemonade to the president of the United States, Barack Obama. Then, one day, a big supermarket contacts Mikaila. It wants to sell her lemonade, too.



5 Now you can buy Mikaila's lemonade in lots of supermarkets and restaurants in the USA. Mikaila also speaks to schools and groups about bees and how to protect these insects. Thanks to Mikaila, other people learn to love bees, too!



Before you read

1. Is this a Comic Story, a myth or a real life story?
2. What drink does the girl make in the story?
3. What ingredients do you think she uses?

After you read

1. Where does Mikaila find a recipe for lemonade?
2. What does Mikaila add to her lemonade?

3. Why is Mikaila's lemonade better than normal lemonade?
4. Which famous person drinks a glass of Mikaila's lemonade?
5. Where can you buy Mikaila's lemonade now?

Complete the sentences

1. What type of book does Mikaila receive? She receives a _____ book.
2. What does Mikaila decide to make? She decides to make _____ with honey.
3. Why is Mikaila's lemonade healthy? It's healthy because it hasn't got much _____
4. What does Mikaila speak to schools and groups about? She speaks about how to protect _____

Match the answers with the questions

Reporter: What do you put in your lemonade?

Mikaila:

Reporter: Why is your lemonade better than traditional lemonade?

Mikaila:

Reporter: Why are bees important?

Mikaila:

Reporter: Are you afraid of bees now?

Mikaila:



Because traditional lemonade has got a lot more sugar than my lemonade

No, I'm not. I love bees now

I put lemons, water, honey and just a bit of sugar in my lemonade

Because they pollinate a lot of the fruit and vegetables that we eat