

PROTECTING ANIMALS



LIFE SKILLS

Protecting animals

We can protect animals in the wild by:

- making sure they have food and water
- making sure they have a safe place to live
- being kind to them.

1 Read the sentences. Answer the questions.

Animals are not toys.

We should be kind to animals.

- 1 Do you agree with the sentences? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Which sentence do you prefer? Why?
- 3 Do you have a pet? Have you ever visited an animal reserve or seen a wild animal?

2 Think of the animals in your country and answer the questions. In pairs, compare your ideas.

Which are in danger? What problems do they have? Can people help them? How?

3 Look at the title of the article and the photos. How do bees help us? Why is it important to protect bees? What is the bee collecting in the photo? Read the article quickly. Check your answers.

4 Read the text again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (x)?

- 1 Bees are not important animals.
- 2 Bees help us to make candles.
- 3 Bees are in danger in some places.
- 4 Michaela has a blog.
- 5 We cannot help protect bees and other insects.



Save the bees!



Are bees important?

Bees are a very important part of our **ecosystem**. Bees **pollinate** plants. In fact, about 30% of the food we eat depends on bees. Bees help people in other ways too. For example, they make the honey we eat and **wax** for candles and cleaning wood.

In many areas of the world, bees are in danger. People build houses, offices and factories on their homes. Farmers use strong chemicals on plants to stop insects eating them. But these chemicals also kill bees.



How does Mikaila Ulmer help bees?

Mikaila Ulmer, from Texas, is a girl who has her own lemonade company. She gives part of the money she makes selling lemonade and other products to **charities** to save bees. She teaches people about the importance of bees and how they help us. Mikaila has her own blog called Beelieve Blog. On her blog she shares information about her company and her projects.



How can we help bees and other insects?

There are a lot of different ways we can help **protect** bees and other insects. For example, we can:

- use fewer chemicals on plants
- learn more about organisations and people working to protect insects and their homes
- learn more about insects and how they help us
- start a blog on an animal or insect you think needs our help.