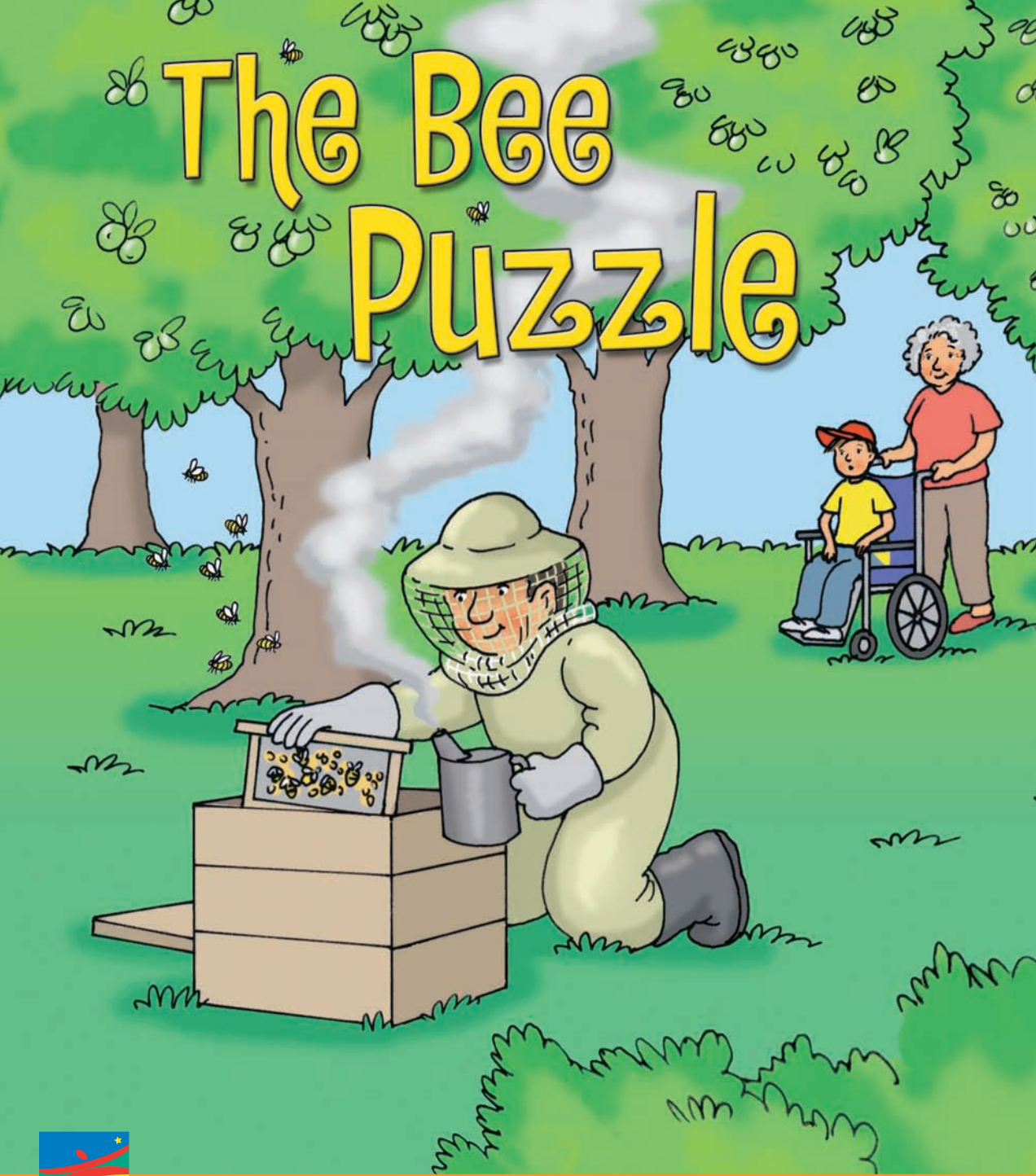


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Comprehension
- Identify problem and solution

Phonics
- Long e digraphs (bees, green, need, piece, really, trees)

Word Study
- Prepositions (above, at, by, from, in, into, on, over, to)

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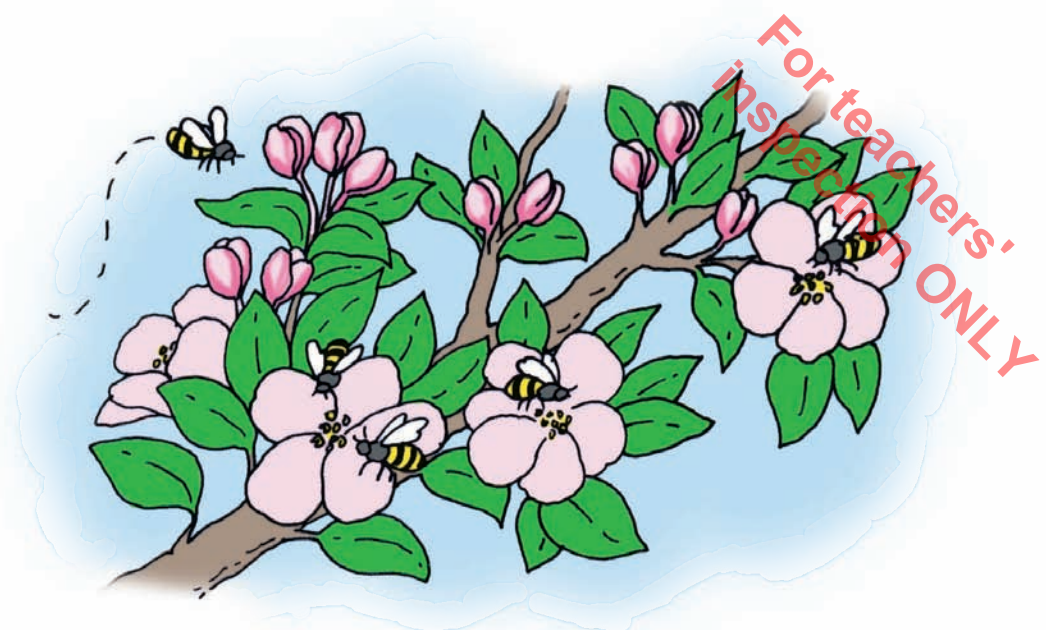
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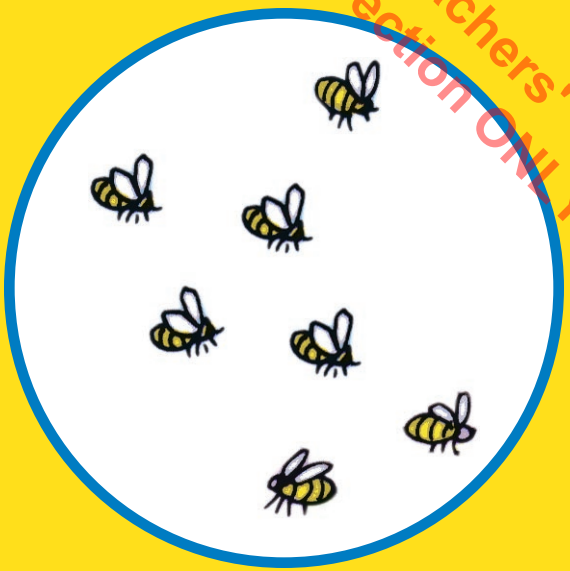
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Brett



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Mr. Henry



Nana

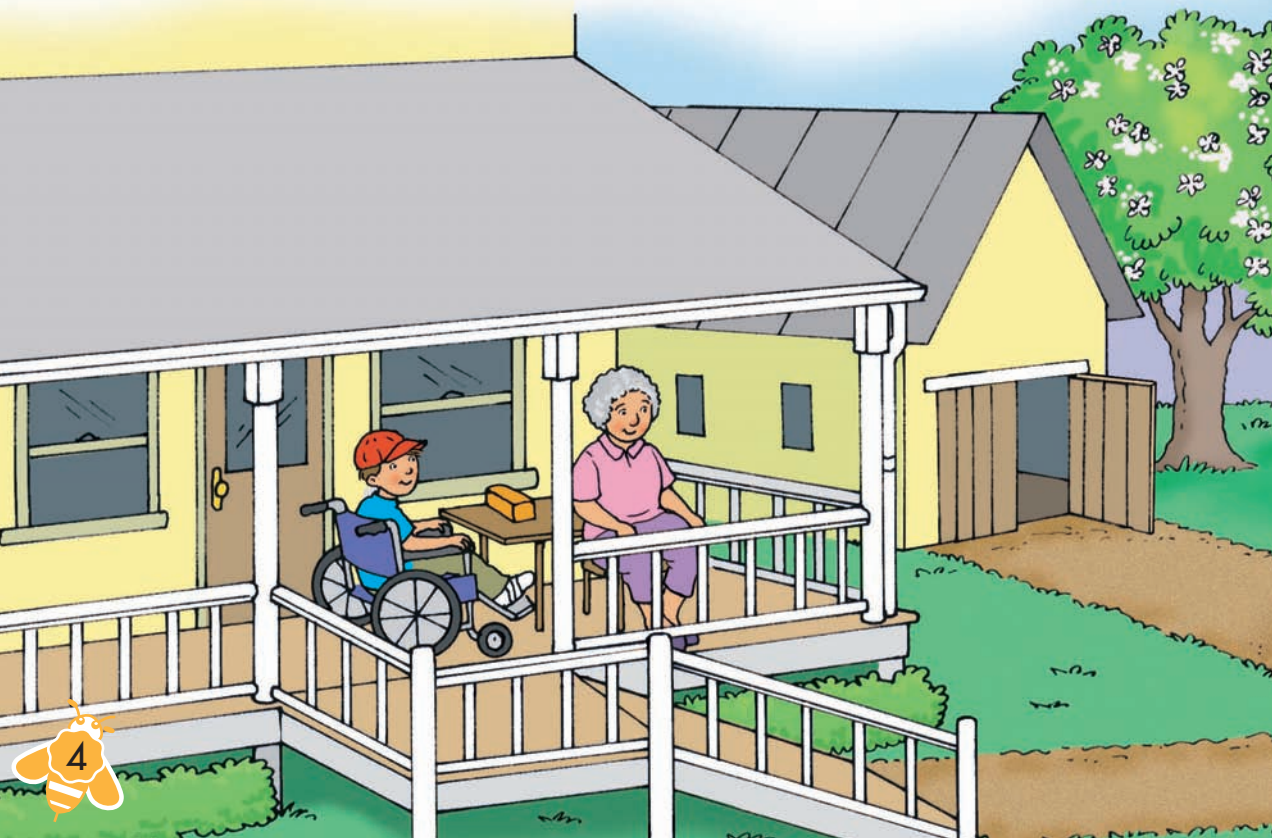


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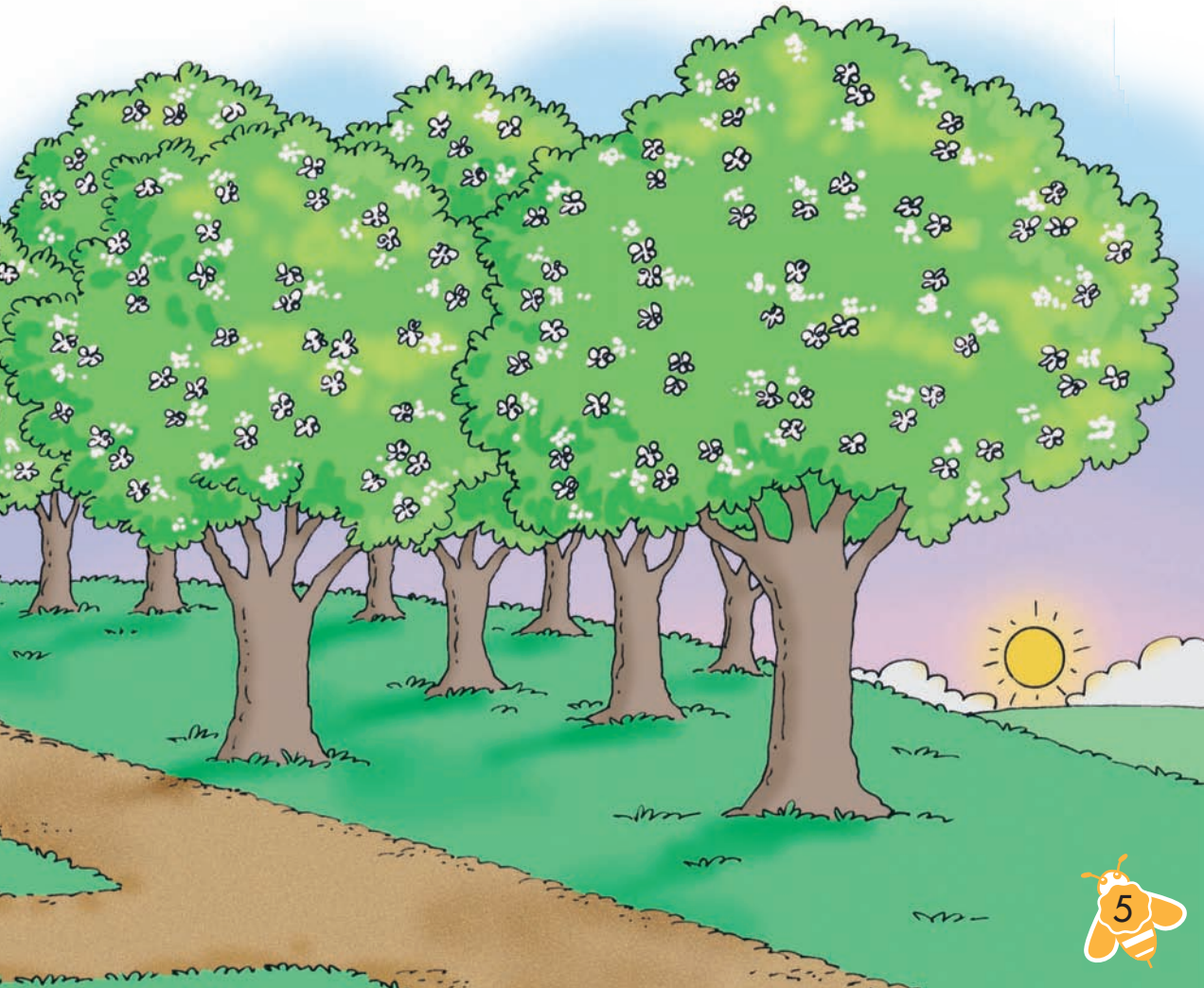
Brett and Nana watched the sun set over the apple orchard. "Will the harvest be good this year?" Brett asked.

"I hope so. We will pick the apples in the fall," answered Nana.



Nana had news to share. "I am bringing some new animals to help on the farm," she said.

New animals! What could they be?



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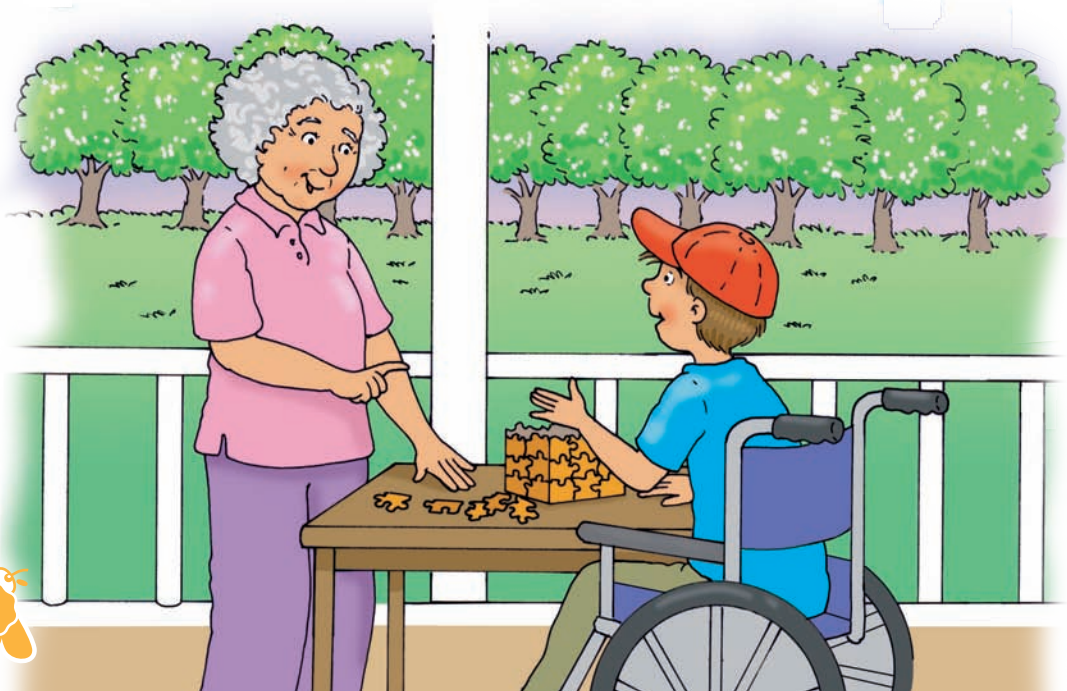
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"Think of something small and fuzzy. Think of something black and yellow," hinted Nana.

"Baby ducks!" guessed Brett.

"No. The animals are really insects!" said Nana with a smile.

"The insects are bees!" Brett said.



Nana said, "Mr. Henry, the beekeeper, is coming. I need bees to grow more apples. I will borrow some of his bees."

Bees? "Oh, well," Brett shrugged. Then Brett went back to work on a big puzzle.



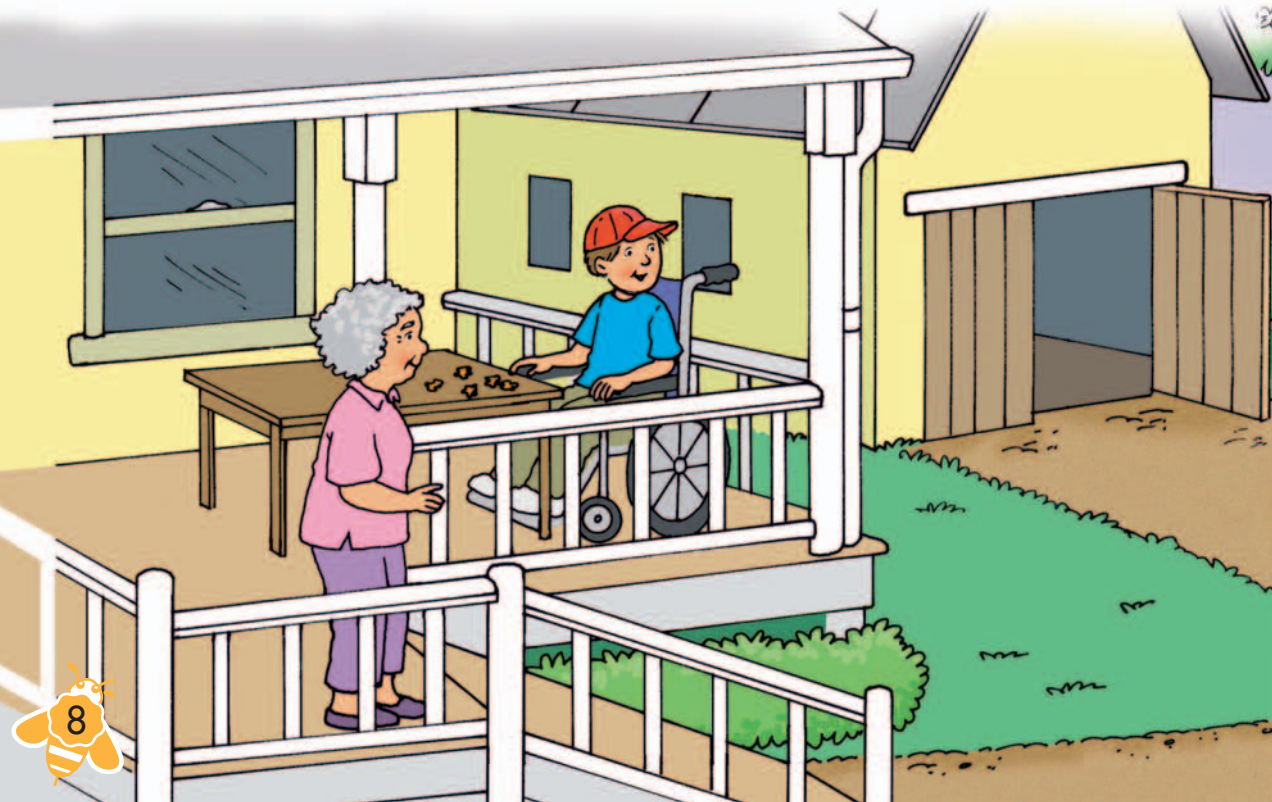
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Boxes of Bees

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Mr. Henry came in his truck. "Where are the bees?" asked Nana.

Mr. Henry tapped a box. "The bees are in these boxes. These boxes are beehives. Bees live in the hives and make honey."



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"How can bees help Nana grow more apples?" asked Brett.

Mr. Henry laughed. "Bees do many jobs."

Brett scratched his head. What was Mr. Henry talking about?

