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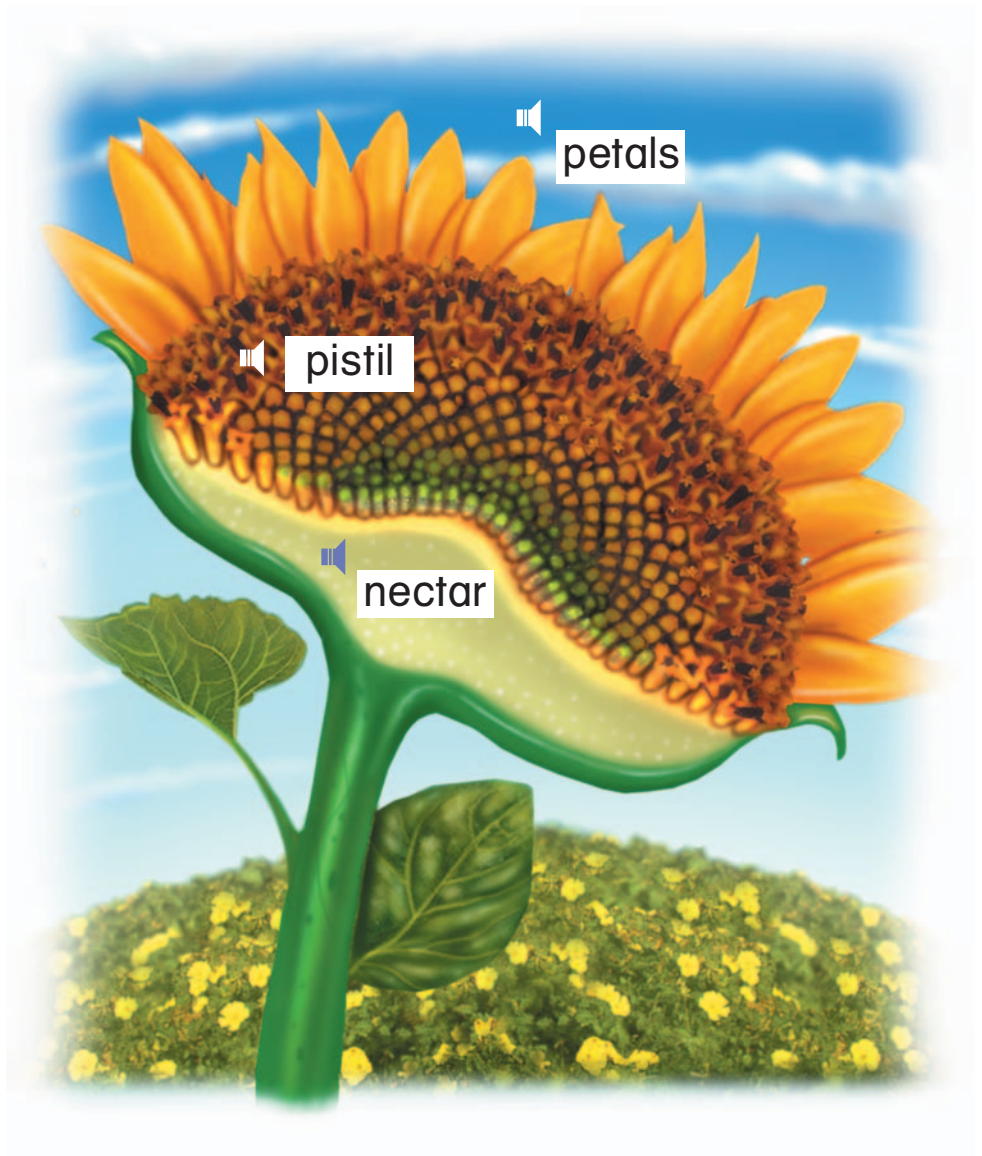
🔊 This is a wild bee. Its home is in a hole in a tree.



- The bee has left its home.
- It looks for some food.



🔊 A bee has big eyes. They help the bee find nectar.



🔊 Nectar is sweet water inside a flower.



■ The flowers in this field are green. The bee does not like these flowers.



■ This wild flower is red, but
the bee does not see red.



Here is another field. The bee can see most of these flowers.



|| The bee drinks the nectar from the yellow and blue flowers.



▶ The bee goes home to tell the other bees about this field.






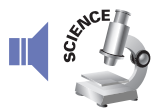
Many bees will go to the wild flowers and get the nectar.



▶ This is what a bee sees in
this field. Bees know where
the nectar is!

Think and Respond

-  **1** What colors do bees see best?
-  **2** How does color help bees find food?
-  **3** Do you think bees could live in a place with no flowers?



Color Sense Draw some flowers. Make each one a different color. Have a partner stand far away and hold your picture. Which colors can you see the best? Which colors are hard to see?



School-Home Connection Have children read aloud the story. Review together the diagram and the labels on page 5.