

A vibrant illustration of a spring garden. The top half shows a clear blue sky above a dense line of green bushes and trees. The middle section features a wooden fence with vertical slats. In the foreground, there is a lush green lawn with several large, bright yellow flowers in full bloom, their petals showing detailed shading. Smaller yellow flowers are scattered in the background near the fence.

Spring

English Activity Booklet

Name _____

Sublime Springtime

Welcome to spring! Spring is a very special time of the year; it is the season of hope, new life and new growth, spring-cleaning and starting afresh!

Imagine you are writing to someone who grew up in a tropical country (where it is hot all year long). Write a non-fiction report to explain about what happens in spring.

Choose **three** of these paragraph sub-titles to help you organise your ideas.

Weather

Birds

Plants

Flowers

Insects

Spring-Cleaning

Mother's Day

April Fools' Day

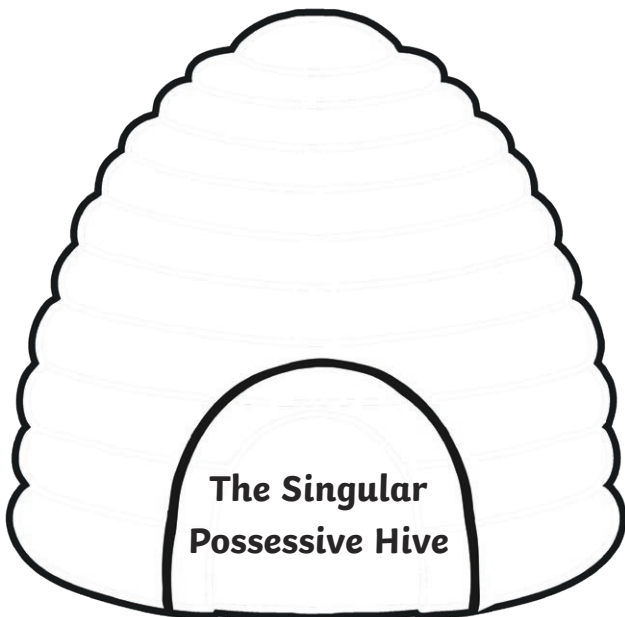
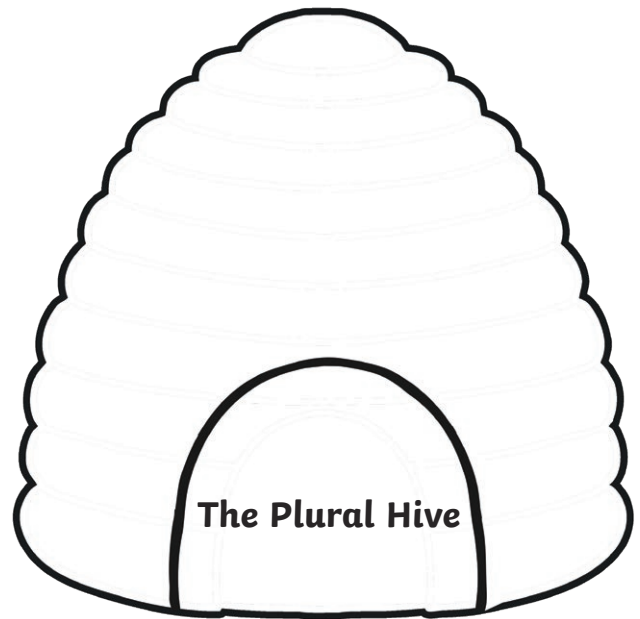
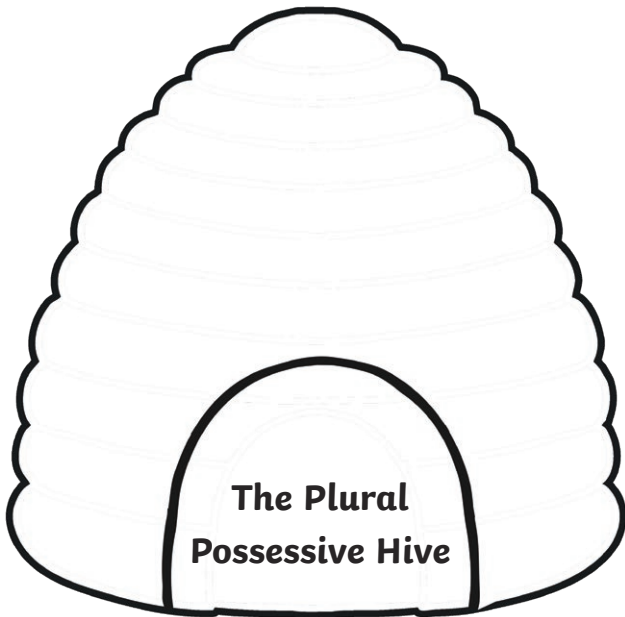
Easter

All About Spring

Introduction

Plural or Possessive?

These special honeybees have got a bit lost and muddled up! Help them return to the correct hive by rewriting the words in the hive where they belong. You may cross off the bees as you go.



daffodils

nests

bird's

frog's

bees'

tadpoles'

trees

bluebells'

tulip's



Now write a sentence using one (or more) of the words above.

For example: Beneath the trees, the bluebells' heads danced as the wind softly blew.

Fabulous Fronted Adverbials

Rewrite these sentences so the **adverbial phrase** is at the front.

Warm Up Question: Which piece of punctuation should you remember to use to separate the adverbial phrase from the main clause? _____

1. The daffodils will be in flower later this month.

2. I am going to see the bluebells in the woods this afternoon.

3. The broody hen sat on her eggs patiently.

4. The migrating frogs return to their home ponds to spawn every year.

5. The snow-topped mountains can be seen in the distance.



6. The gardening club is meeting after school.

7. The children rushed out into the sunshine as the clock struck three.

8. The daisy chains were made very carefully.

9. Lily played an April Fools' joke on her friend without making a sound.

10. The children laughed and played in the welcome springtime sun.

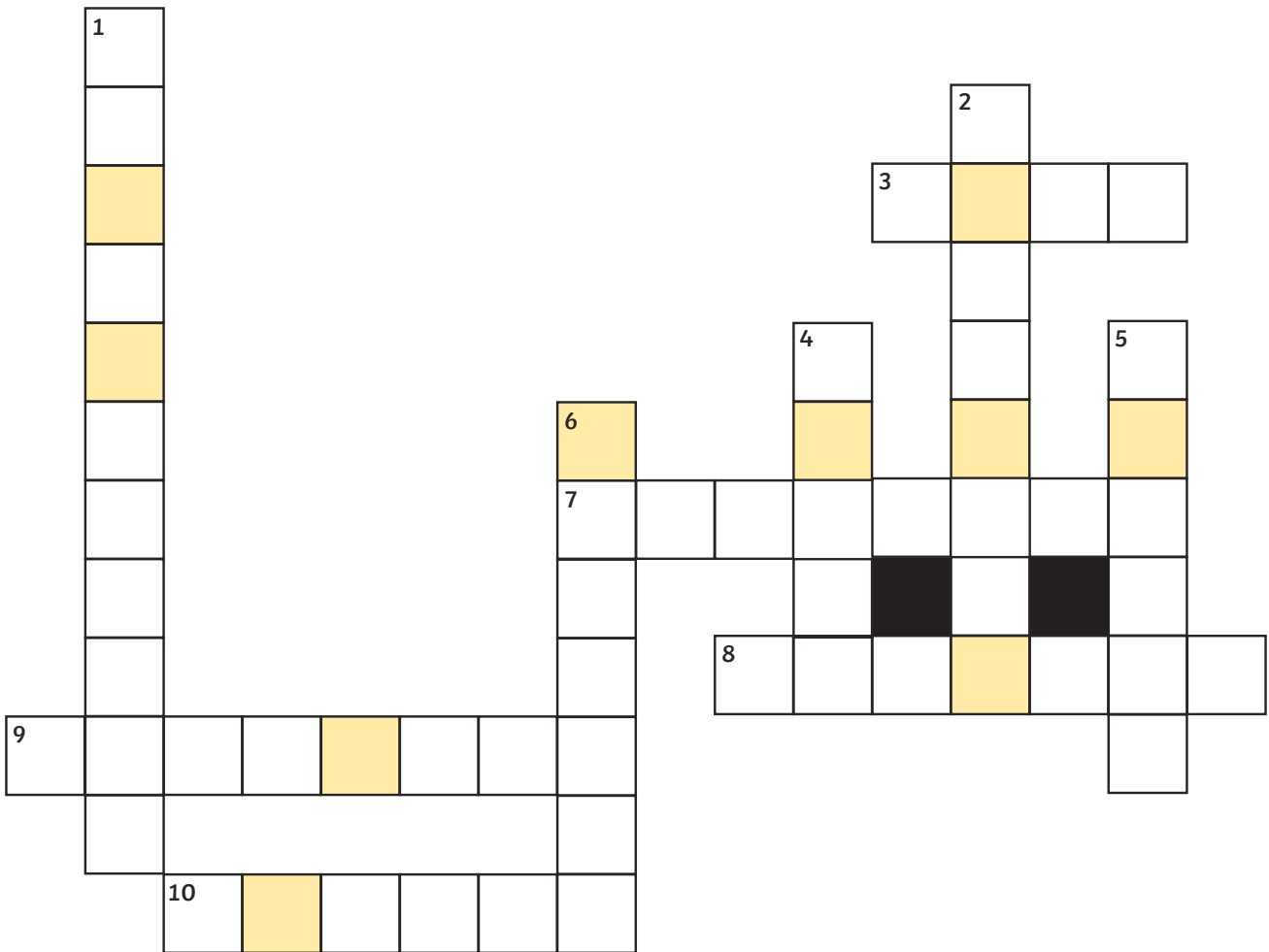
11. Now think about your own sentence on the topic of spring. Write it in two different ways.

- Adverbial phrase at the end:

- Adverbial phrase at the beginning:

Spring Crossword

Use the clues to help you complete this crossword and find the 10-letter secret word



Across

- 3. A baby sheep.
- 7. You might need this if it rains!
- 8. You can see this on trees in springtime.
- 9. A yellow spring flower.
- 10. These hatch out of eggs.

Down

- 1. This creature transforms into a beautiful butterfly.
- 2. These hatch from frogspawn.
- 4. This month is famous for its rainy weather.
- 5. Spring is the _____ before summer.
- 6. These are great fun to splash in!

Look at the letters in the yellow boxes. Can you work out the secret word? (Clue: it is not spring-themed but it is something you should learn about in your English lessons!)

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Choose some of these words and write three spring-themed sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Confusing Sentences

Help! The Easter Bunny has rushed his writing and forgot to put any punctuation in!

Carefully, edit his sentences, adding in all the punctuation. Be careful! Have a think about what you need for direct speech!

dear diary

what a busy day it has been first i had to make sure all of the eggs were decorated next i had to collect them finally i had to pack them carefully into my special woven yellow basket it was not easy at all i said to myself easter bunny you are rushing about and you will make a mistake mrs chicken my friend who was listening to my muttering shouted its a bit late now easter bunny nevertheless the eggs were hidden in the end now i can have a little rest and a snooze



Spring in the Bronx

This is a famous poem about springtime in the Bronx, which is an area of New York City, in the USA. It uses the locally spoken English – say it out loud and listen! Your challenge is to read and enjoy it then try to rewrite it in standard English. The first line has been done for you.

Spring is sprung,
Da grass is riz
I wonder where dem boidies is.
Duh little boids is on da wing -
Ain't dat absoid?
Da little wing is on da boid

The Standard English Version
Spring has sprung,

1. Use a dictionary to find out what the phrase, 'on the wing', means.

2. Why do you think the poet was confused?

3. Now think about your own spoken English (slang or non-standard English). Can you write a sentence about **spring** in your non-standard English and then write it in standard English?

My Spoken English Spring Sentence

The Standard English Version

Ideas to write about:

baby animals

daffodils

April showers

Easter

Colours of Spring

Holi Festival

Spring is a time for celebration; the cold, bleak, barren days of winter are drawing to a close and life is returning to the land.

In India, the Hindu festival of Holi is one of the biggest festivals of the year. Its timing varies each spring (depending on the moon) but it usually falls at the end of March. Holi is a time of merriment, joy and hope at the beginning of the growing season.

The Festival of Colour

Known as the 'festival of colour', the festival begins with the lighting of a bonfire on Holi Eve. The next day, the main festivities begin. Adults and children cover each other in **gulal**, a fine powder that comes in lots of different colours. Each colour is said to symbolise something different in Hinduism:

Colour	Meaning
green	life and happiness
yellow	knowledge
white	purity
blue	determination



Questions

1. In which month is Holi usually celebrated?

2. Which word is most similar in meaning to **merriment**? Tick **one**.

sorrow

laughter

festival

3. How does the festival begin?

4. **Find** and **copy** one word which means **celebrations**.

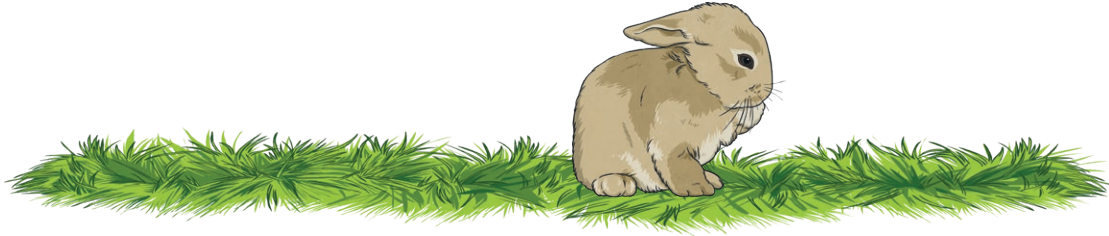
5. Which colour of gulal would you choose for yourself, and why?

Think and Write: A Spring in Your Step

Improving a Sentence

Somebody has written a very boring sentence about this poor bunny!

Rewrite the sentence in the ways suggested below.



There was a rabbit.

1. Rewrite with an adjective.

2. Rewrite with an expanded noun phrase.

3. Rewrite with a preposition.

4. Rewrite with a fronted adverbial.

5. Finally, use your imagination to finish the next sentence and write a whole paragraph about this particularly special rabbit!

Standing proudly in the middle of the field, there was a world-famous rabbit with bright, alert eyes and a twitching nose who...

Wonderful Wordsearch

Some tricky spelling words are hidden inside this wordsearch. Find all 15 words and then write your own spring-themed sentences using as many of them as you can. Underline the spelling words.



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- appear
- believe
- bicycle
- calendar
- disappear
- early
- eight
- experience
- February
- favourite
- imagine
- occasionally
- potatoes
- remember
- woman

Example: The woman saw her favourite snowdrops start to appear in early February.
