

Unit 4: The Power of Pollinators

WEEK 8 Day 5

**Vocabulary & Language**  
Answering a Weekly Question

<b>Weekly Questions</b>	Week 7: Why is pollination important to people and other animals? Week 8: How do I and how do we contribute to our communities?
<b>Language Objective</b>	I can use new words to discuss a particular question with my classmates. (SL.1.2, L.5.2.a)
<b>Vocabulary: Week 7</b>	<p><b>commitment:</b> dedication to something or to an idea</p> <p><b>local:</b> having to do with a particular place close by</p> <p><b>organization:</b> a group of people working together for a shared purpose</p> <p><b>plot:</b> a small piece of land</p> <p><b>public:</b> open to all</p> <p><b>restore:</b> to return to an earlier condition</p> <p><b>trace:</b> a very small amount of something; a mark or sign of something</p> <p><b>wildflower:</b> flower that grows without planting or care by people</p>
<b>Week 8</b>	<i>Words selected from previous weeks and used in Days 1-4</i>
<b>Materials and Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Week 8 Answering a Weekly Question sheets, one for each small group</li> <li>● pencils, one or two for each small group</li> <li>● Weekly Questions for Weeks 7 and 8, printed or projected</li> <li>● Weekly Words cards for Week 7 and those selected for review in Week 8</li> <li>● chart paper and markers (2 different colors)</li> </ul> <p>Strategically assign children to groups of four, and plan where each group will work around the classroom.</p>
<b>Opening</b>	<i>This week we will use the Answer a Weekly Question routine. After you work in small groups, we'll save a few minutes to share one of your sentences with the whole class.</i>

<b>Key Activity</b>	Facilitate the Answering a Weekly Question routine, as established in even weeks since Unit 1.
<b>Closing</b>	<i>You have really packed words into your answers to the Weekly Questions!</i>
<b>Standards</b>	<p><b>SL.1.2</b> Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.</p> <p><b>L.6.2.a</b> Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy, that makes me happy).</p>
<b>Ongoing assessment</b>	<p>Listen to children’s conversations as they work.  How accurately do children use words in context?  What contributions do they make to the construction of a response to a specific question?</p> <p>Observe children’s interactions in small groups.  How effectively do children work in their groups?  What roles do they take on?</p> <p>Reflect on the whole group sharing of one group’s response.  What more was revealed about children’s understanding and application of words?</p> <p>Review each sheet. Use children’s answers to inform planning for successive lessons, reteaching words, and informal conversations with individual children.</p>

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