

**Why do bees visit flowers?** To collect pollen and nectar to feed themselves and their **offspring** (babies). When bees go in search of pollen and nectar, it is called **foraging**. Most bees collect and spread pollen as they forage. Pollen helps plants make seeds that grow into fruits we like to eat.

When bees forage, the fuzzy hairs on their bodies pick up and leave behind pollen. Bees often move pollen this way from one flower to another. Sometimes, the pollen from one flower makes it to the stigma of another flower of the same species. When that happens, the flower is **fertilized** and starts making seeds. Seeds are one of the ways plants make more plants (**reproduce**).

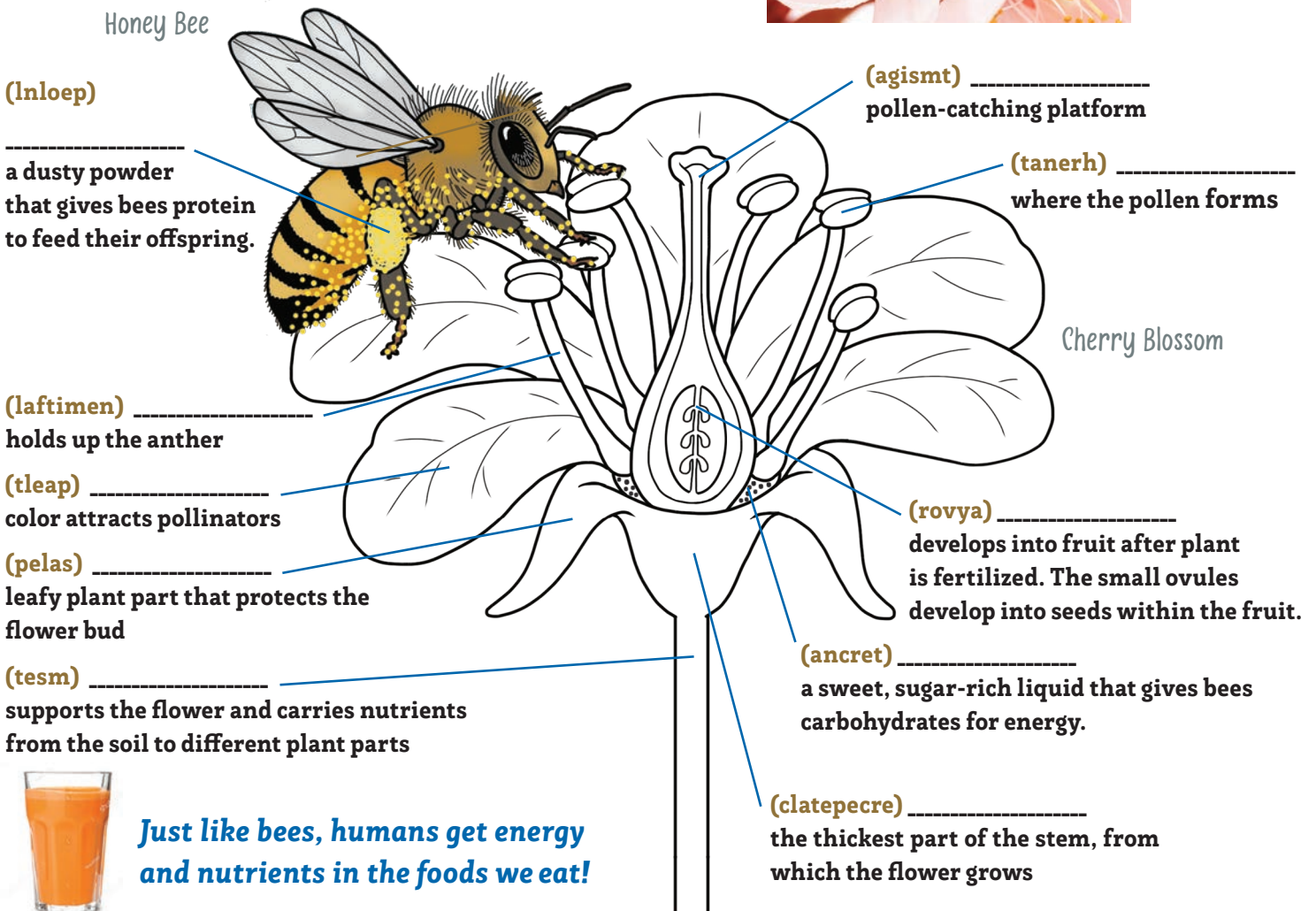
# Pollination: How Does It Work?

## Parts of a Flower

Unscramble the words to match the flower part with the definition. If you get stuck, check the word bank! Then color in the flower parts.



A honey bee on a cherry blossom just like in the drawing below!



**Just like bees, humans get energy and nutrients in the foods we eat!**

## Word Bank:

Ovary  
Anther

Receptacle  
Filament

Petal  
Sepal

Stem  
Stigma

Pollen  
Nectar