



Reader's Theater

Presents:

A Read-Aloud Script About Bees

“Sometimes It’s Tough Bee-ing Different”

Instructions: Read from the script aloud. You can help make the story even more entertaining by getting into character. Use a unique voice, and use your body and face to help act out the story. Find a group of up to twelve actors to play the bees. If your group doesn't have twelve actors, have each actor play more than one role.

Cast of 12 Characters:

- **Sweat Bees: (Olympias)** #1 Ashley, #2 Maddy, #3 Ali, #4 Timberly
- **Mason Bee:** Jen
- **Squash Bees:** #1 Samantha, #2 Sierra
- **Fairy Bees (Perditas):** #1 Paul, #2 Pablo, #3 Parwana
- **Carpenter Bee:** Colton
- **Lava Hole Bee:** Rocky (no lines)

Setting: Blue Nectar Elementary School cafeteria, with bee kids buzzing about getting their lunch, visiting with their friends and finding their seats.

Script: *The four sweat bees (Olympias) enter the cafeteria talking and giggling.*

Timberly: Did you color your proboscis purple, Ali!?

Ali: Aw, you noticed Timberly!

Jen: It looks so-o-o-o buzziful, Ali.

Ashley: I'm so happy it's May and the cafeteria has camas nectar smoothies for us now!

Ali: The other drinks don't taste as good as my favorite, the camas pollen smoothie. For sure it's the most buzztastic!

Maddy: For real! I can't wait for later in the summer when the summer-school meals keep catering to us Olympians and also also serve our other favorites like wild onion, yarrow and raspberry nectar smoothies.

Timberly: Right?!! They cater a ton to the “specialists” like Rocky, the lava hole bee. What in the world is penstemon anyway?

Maddy: It doesn't even look like real bee food. More like grasshopper grub!

Ashley: Obvs. There's a reason Rocky is sitting by himself.

The squash bees approach the sweat bees, who have stopped right next to a table. Samantha squeezes behind them, followed by Sierra.

Samantha: Uh, excuse me, Olympians.

Sierra: Sorry girls, coming through!

The sweat bees act annoyed, roll their eyes dramatically, and mock the squash bees.

Maddy: Ugh! As if?! Those squash bees almost touched us.

Ashley: If they had, we'd be washing off “squash germs” all day.

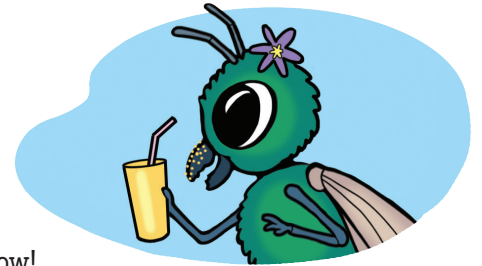
Ali: Seriously. Who do they think they are?

Paul, Parwana, and Pablo (the fairy bees) approach the sweat bees, who are still standing, blocking the table.

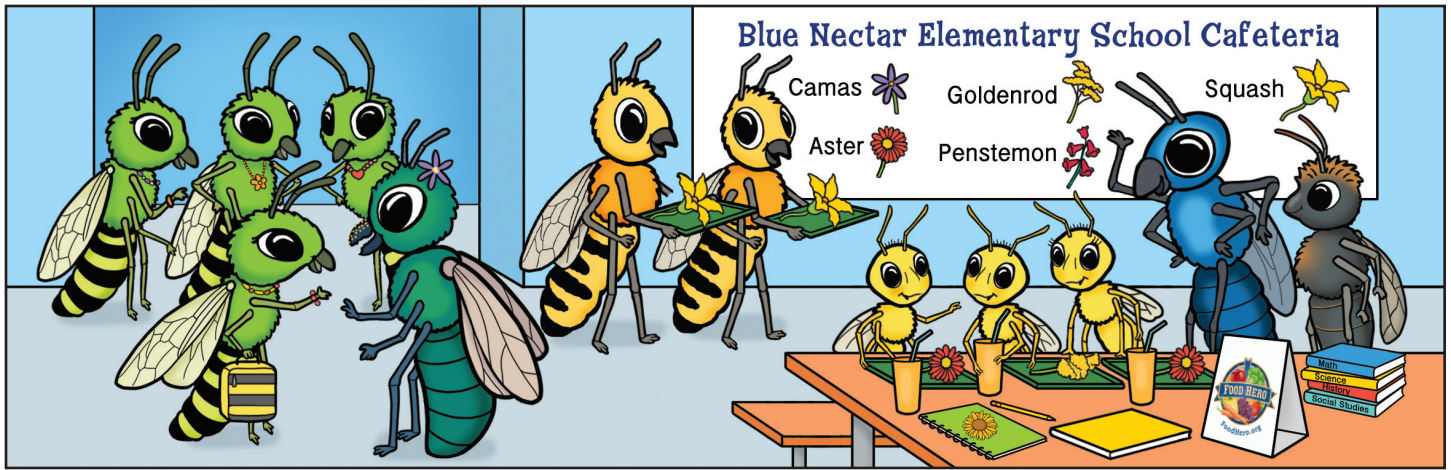
Paul: Hi, Olympians! Are you girls going to sit here or are these seats open?

Maddy: Well, not if YOU'RE sitting here!!

Ali with a Camas Pollen smoothie



Rocky with penstemon for lunch



In the cafeteria, left to right: Ashley, Maddy, Timberly, Jen and Ali chatting together, Samantha and Sierra carrying trays with squash, Paul, Pablo and Parwana with asters for lunch, Colton and Rocky.

Ali: Right, I don't wish to be sitting near aster and goldenrod grub, thank you very much!

Paul looks hurt.

Colton carpenter bee walks up posturing and puts one leg up on the bench while still posturing.

Colton: Why, Ashley, Maddy, Alley and Timberly! Do my antennae deceive me? Surely my sensitive body hair has led my hearing astray.

The Olympians all blush and fidget nervously.

Colton: You CAN'T be giving these bees a hard time about liking foods that are different from your favorites, can you?

Timberly: Oh Colton, you know . . . we . . . I mean, they just . . .

Colton: Sheeeooot, I'm not a very picky eater myself. I mean, after a hard day of work, I'll eat almost anything. And I know you girls aren't all that picky either. We're generalists. But some bees are specialists! Did you know that? They have superpowers! Without them, some plants wouldn't ever be pollinated! And there are many types of specific plants like the many types of squash.

Sierra: Right! I love the winter for the huge number of squash options.

Samantha: Exactly! You have butternut, pumpkin, hubbard, delicata . . .

Sierra: . . . kabocha, acorn and spaghetti.

Samantha: And that's just winter!

Colton: Everyone has different things they like and different things they're good at. Every bee is different, just like every human is different. Some even have allergies or intolerances, so they can't eat certain foods. Would YOU want to be made fun of for that?

Ali: Well, of course not, Colton.

Paul: It's crazy how some of us only pollinate certain things, and we all need sugary nectar, whereas humans HAVE to eat lots of different foods to stay healthy, and they DON'T need sugary liquids!

Colton: That's right, Paul! Now, why don't you Olympians have a seat with me here and get to know Pablo, Paul and Parwana? They are pretty awesome bees and really great friends!

Ashley: (Sheepishly) I guess I never really thought of other bees like that before, Colton. I'm . . . I'm sorry, Perditas.

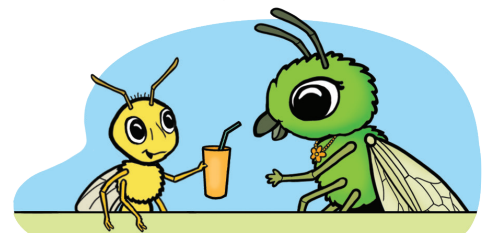
Ali: Yeah, me too.

Timberly: Totally guys. I'm sorry.

Maddy: Can I try some of your drink, Parwana?

Parwana: Sure! My mom says that's how you discover new things that you like.

Pablo: Thanks, Colton! You're the best!!



Parwana offering Maddy a smoothie.