



# Draw a Card

## Introduction

In the book, *In the Trees, Honey Bees* by Lori Mortensen, the reader follows members of the colony along as they gather important items from their environment to survive. In this activity, students will play a fast-paced card game based on these items.

## Materials Needed

- ◆ Card stock
- ◆ Colored markers
- ◆ Scissors

## Key Concepts

- ◆ Honey bees depend on their environment for survival.
- ◆ Different forms of life have different needs.

For standards correlation please see our website.

## Procedure

1. Cut card stock into 16 cards, each measuring 2-1/2" x 3-1/2".
2. Divide cards into four piles of four cards.
3. On the first stack, draw a picture of a puddle of water on the top of each card. Write "Water."
4. On the next stack, draw a tree on top of each card. Write "Sap."
5. On the third stack, draw a flower on the top of each card. Write, "Pollen."
6. On the last stack, draw a drop of nectar on the top of each card. Write "Nectar."
7. Make one set of 16 cards for every group of four people.
8. To play: Shuffle the cards. Deal all the cards out face down to four people in a circle around a table.
9. The object is to collect all four cards of the same type. Whoever collects all four cards first, wins.
10. Players pick up their cards. Everyone passes one card to their left at the same time. Pass until there's a winner.

## Nature Connections

- ◆ After the card game, open *In the Trees, Honey Bees*. Look for illustrations that show the bees gathering or using the items featured on the cards. Other creatures are gathering things as well. Who are they and what are they gathering?
- ◆ Go outside and look around. Ask students to imagine that they are the scout bee. Do you see good places to collect the four important items? What and where are they?

## Additional Resources

Ask students if they can find these food sources for honey bees in your backyard or neighborhood? What other types of flowers or trees do the honey bees like?

- ◆ Flowering Dogwood Tree
- ◆ Dandelions
- ◆ Milkweed
- ◆ Red Clover
- ◆ Honeysuckle
- ◆ Red Maple Tree
- ◆ Poplar Tree

