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Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet
June Enrichment Activities
Grades 3-6



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Students: After reading “Around the World,” answer the following questions in complete sentences. If you need more space, you can use the back of this sheet.

- 1. Explain processes which can help pollinators and promote pollination.

- 2. Discuss the benefits of native plants and flowers for pollinators.

- 3. How does plant and flower variety effect the pollination process?

- 4. How is gardening organically helpful to pollinators?



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Pollinators	Description
flies	night pollinators who love the flowers of moonflower, four o'clock and tobacco
wasps	pollinators that visit flowers that are close to the ground, as they spend so much time in the dirt
butterflies	animals that drink nectar and use their sense of direction to locate flowers and food
moths	flying animals that choose odorless flowers because they do not respond well to scent
beetles	flying creatures that rely on scent to find flowers and love showy ones like sunflowers and salvias.
birds	pollinators that can even be more efficient than bees
bats	These pollinators like both nice and fowl smelling plants and flowers.



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Answer Key



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Parents and teachers: Answers are below but may vary.

Pollinators include butterflies, beetles, moths, flies and hummingbirds.

Orange trees depend on pollinators so fruit can grow.

Lemon trees need animal pollinators to visits their flowers and pollinate them.

Lime trees do, too.

It is interesting that water and wind are part of pollination.

Nests of bees have been found on every continent except Antartica.

Animals, especially bees, are responsible for 80% of plant pollination.

Trees, nuts and wild grassesare pollinated by wind.

I am glad we have pollinators; aren't you?

One in every three bites of food we eat depends on pollinators.

Now you know a few more facts about pollination!



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1. Explain processes which can help pollinators and promote pollination.

There are many processes people can employ to help pollinators and promote pollination. People can plant gardens, grow native plants, garden organically and consider the life cycles of plants, just to name a few things.

2. Discuss the benefits of native plants and flowers for pollinators.

Pollination is natural when naturally occurring native plants are part of the process. It is a good idea to research what flowering plants are local to where we live so we can plant them in a garden. It is helpful to include a lot of native plants in our landscape or garden, as native plants have evolved along with native pollinators. This makes these types of plants very beneficial to local pollinators.

3. How does plant and flower variety effect the pollination process?

It is important to grow different flowers and plants because so can feed all stages of a pollinator's life cycle. When one thing is coming up as a source of food, another plant is dying out. And this cycle goes on and on.

4. How is gardening organically helpful to pollinators?

Going organic means avoiding the use of chemicals and other toxins that can harm plants and pollinators as much as possible. Even pesticides approved for organic gardens can harm pollinators, so finding other ways to control pests is best. However, if there isn't a good alternative to pesticides, find one with the lowest risks to pollinators, especially bees. Checking product labels is a good start.



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