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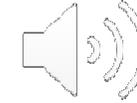


The Last Bee



Read the poem

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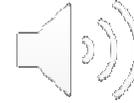
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Rian Ilston

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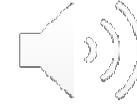
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Without the «Bs», it can be more complicated to read the poem, just like living without the bees would be more painful for humans, birds, butterflies and the planet.

Esther

Document B(ee) is a poem called The Last Bee written by Brian Bilston. In this poem we can see that the letter "l" is missing. It makes the reading of the poem a little bit harder for us, but we can still read it. With this way of erasing letters, it looks like Brian Bilston is showing the readers what the Earth would look like when one species dies. At first it is not that big a deal but it causes a lot of trouble.

Lilée

What effect does it create?

We can't read without "b", as we can't live without bees. Brian Bilston is showing that without them, insects and birds would be lost.

Lauren

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The missing letters also force the reader to concentrate and with a bit of luck to also remember the important message that protecting our nature is.

Elise

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Richard Wilbur

the poem is very short: it begins with the disappearance of bees and finishes with the disappearance of the planet, so it can show how long the Earth can live without bees.

Esther

As we read the poem we can see that first the bees and butterflies died, then the flowers, after that the planet died. Can we call that the "butterfly effect"? I think so, because we clearly see that at first it started with nothing (the bees) but at the end it's the entire Earth that isn't working anymore.

Lilée

In addition, this poem is only made of two sentences... It shows the simplicity of it, of nature, of life; but this is what makes it so scary. In two sentences, Brian Bilston shows us that life is so fragile because everything is connected and we are destroying it, we are destroying the things that are good for us, that permit us to live.

Vlora

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Its vocabulary?

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The author is using a very simple syntax with ordinary and usual words and these are what makes it unique and striking. Indeed, to explain simple things we don't need to use anything else but simple words, we don't need anything else but reality.

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The sounds?

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the second line, we can see a repetition of "buzz" that accentuates the last noise of the bee and that makes us realize that the last bee in the whole world is dead now and in the last two lines of the poem, their disappointments has a bad effect on nature because Brian is saying "nature was broken". This sentence makes us think about the fact that all the animals of this planet are useful for our nature.

Laurie

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Any rhymes?

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Rian Ilston

In his poem, Brian Bilston didn't make
times as if he wanted to write a poem but
without making any efforts. We can see with
this that he is really sad about the
disappearance of the bees.

Laurie

Useful questions when facing literature 😊

- **What do I feel when reading this text?**
- **What may explain those feelings?**
i.e. What elements in the text may account for them?

IF you don't feel anything, just start by observing the form - and try to work out what the author tried to do.

Why did the poet choose to do this?



Brian Bilston

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The Last Bee has been published on Twitter, on social medias, where everyone can see. Therefore, a lot of people can be sensitized to Briam Bilston's message. In his poem the lack of the -b letter is the lack of bees in the world. Without them, everything starts to decline and to lose meaning.

Victoire

What about the publication on social media?

Social medias help impact the reader in a more concrete way than what poetry usually does. On the other hand, the poem may touch many more people as it is a fun and entertaining way of reading that can appeal to children as well.

Elise

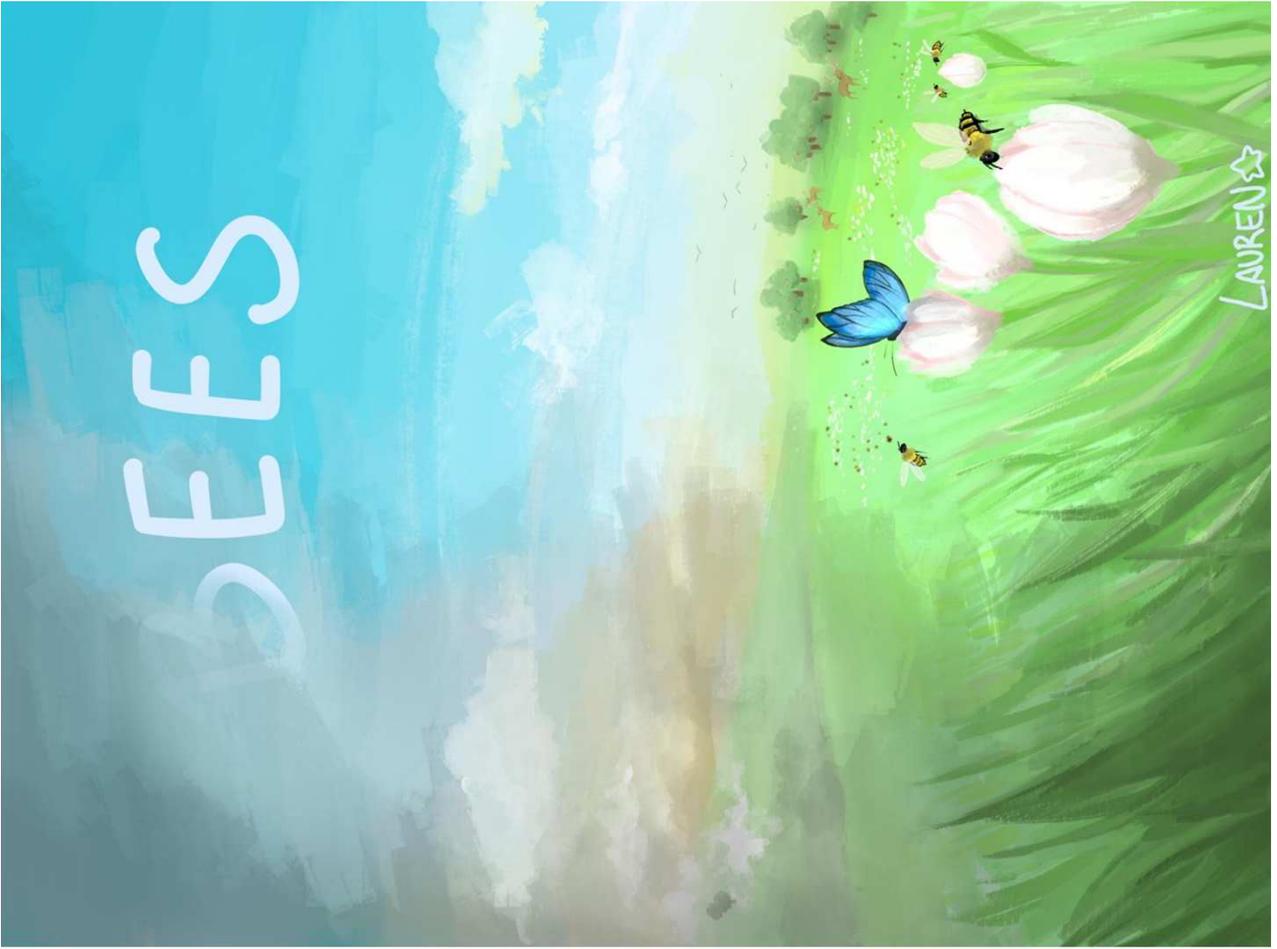
Well, YOUR turn!

<https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/>

***Take part in World Bee
Day on May 20th!***



BEEES



LAUREN ☆

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BEEES HAVE BEEN MISSING FOR 12 YEARS NOW. 12 YEARS SINCE WE WITNESSED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF VEGETATION. THERE ARE NO MORE FLOWERS, FRUITS, TREES AND GRASS, AND THE ANIMALS THAT COULD NO LONGER EAT DISAPPEARED TOO. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ATTEMPTS TO REPLACE THE BEES BUT THEIR DISAPPEARANCE CAME TOO QUICKLY. WE WEREN'T READY. HOWEVER THERE IS A RUMOR WHICH SAYS THAT A BEE WAS SEEN A FEW DAYS AGO. IF IT IS TRUE IT IS TIME FOR US TO REBUILD OUR WORLD.



Guillaume



Before you go...

- **Follow Brian Bilston, "the Banksy of poetry", on social media**

And check out his Poetry Laboetry:

<https://brianbilston.com/about-brian-bilston/>

***Thanks for your
attention!***

***Stay connected with English, stay home &
stay safe!***