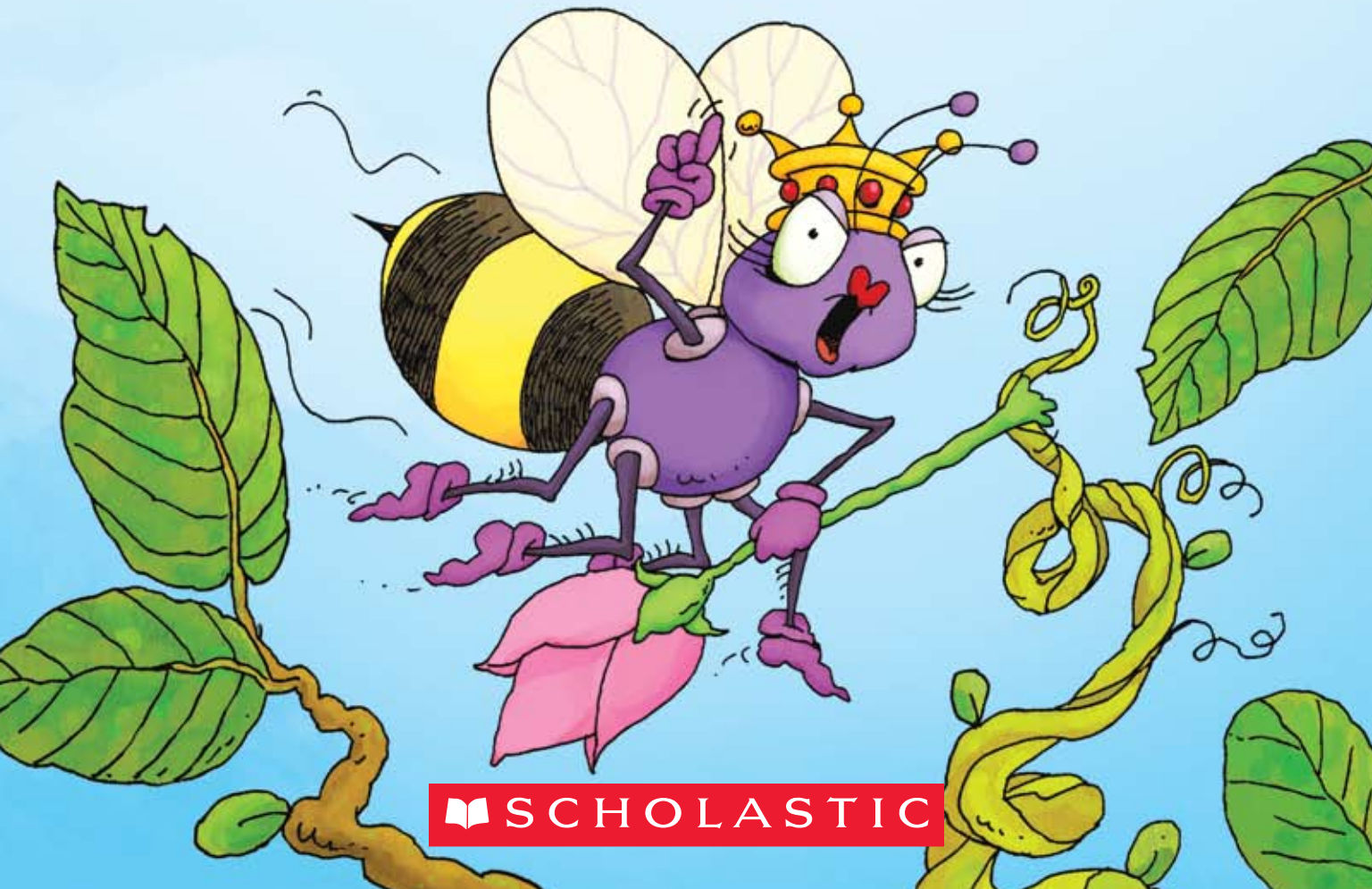


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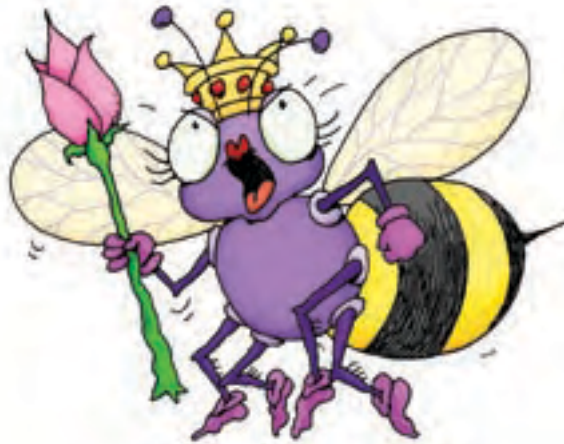
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Phonics Fact

This book is full of long-e words. One common spelling of the long-e sound is ee, as in **meet**, **queen**, and **bee**. What other long-e words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

Meet Queen Bee.



Phonics Fact

The vowel pair *ea* can also make the long-e sound, as in **mean**. Can you find another word on this page that uses *ea* to stand for the long-e sound?

(Answer: **screamed**)

Everyone thought **Queen Bee** was **mean** because she **screamed**.



**FEED OUR
PET FLEA!**

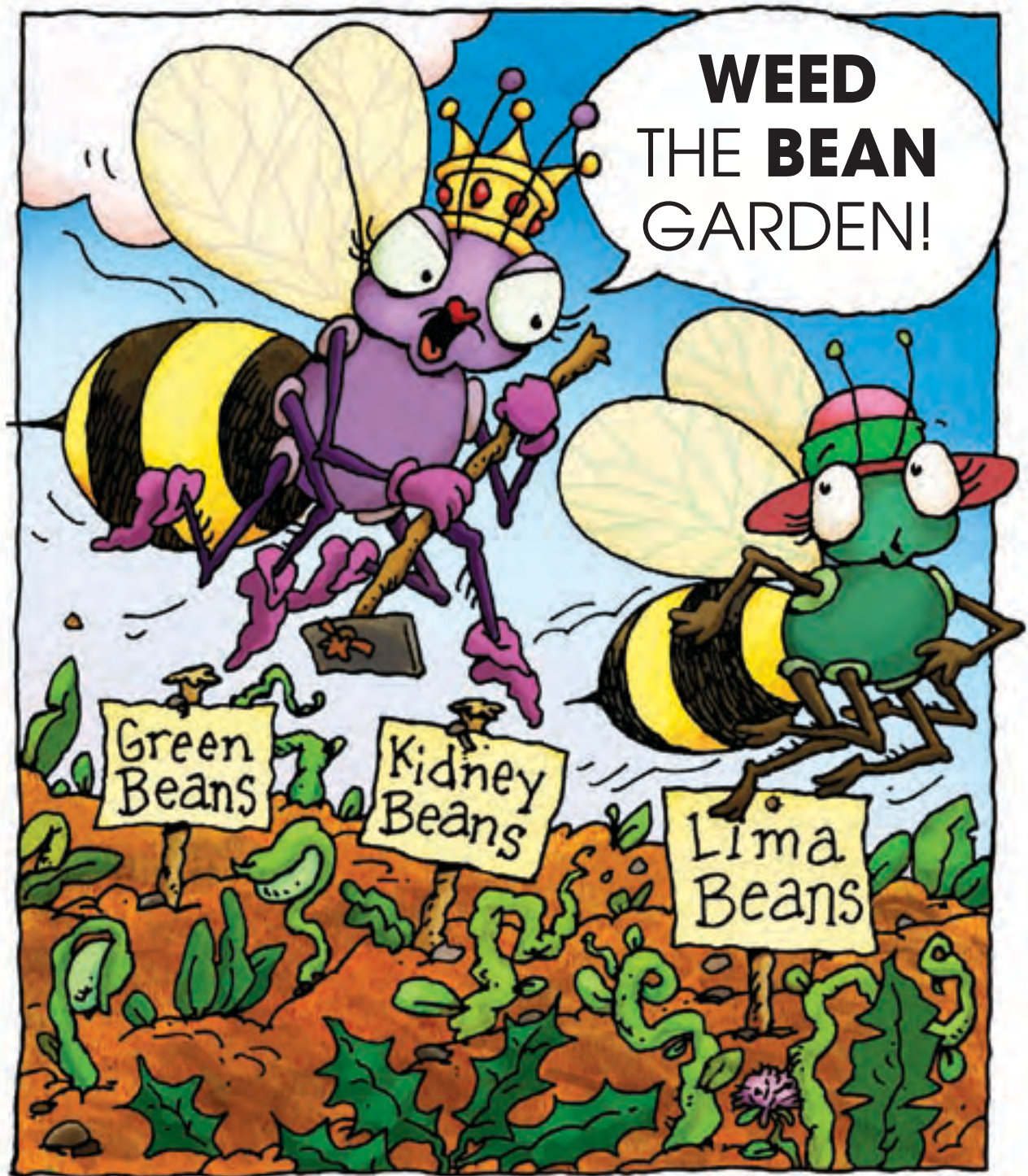
Phonics Fact

The long-e sound can be made with a single e, too. Words that follow this spelling pattern include **she**, **he**, **me**, and **be**.

"Feed our pet flea!" she screamed at Jean Bee.
But **Jean Bee** buzzed away.



"Sweep up these leaves!" she screamed
at **Lee Bee**.
But **Lee Bee** buzzed away.



"Weed the **bean** garden!" she screamed at **Sheena Bee**.

But **Sheena Bee** buzzed away.



“**Clean** our hive until it **gleams!**” she screamed at **Dee Bee**.

But **Dee Bee** buzzed away.



Phonics Fact

When a word ends in *y*, the *y* sometimes makes a long-*e* sound, as in **Benny**. Can you find another word on this page that uses a *y* to stand for the long-*e* sound?

(Answer: **majesty**)

“Make some **peach tea!**” she screamed at **Benny Bee**.

But **Benny Bee** DID NOT **flee**. He just made her **majesty** some tea.



Phonics Fact

The long-e sound is sometimes made by the vowel pair *ie*, as in **believe**. Other long-e words with this spelling pattern include **chief** and **niece**.

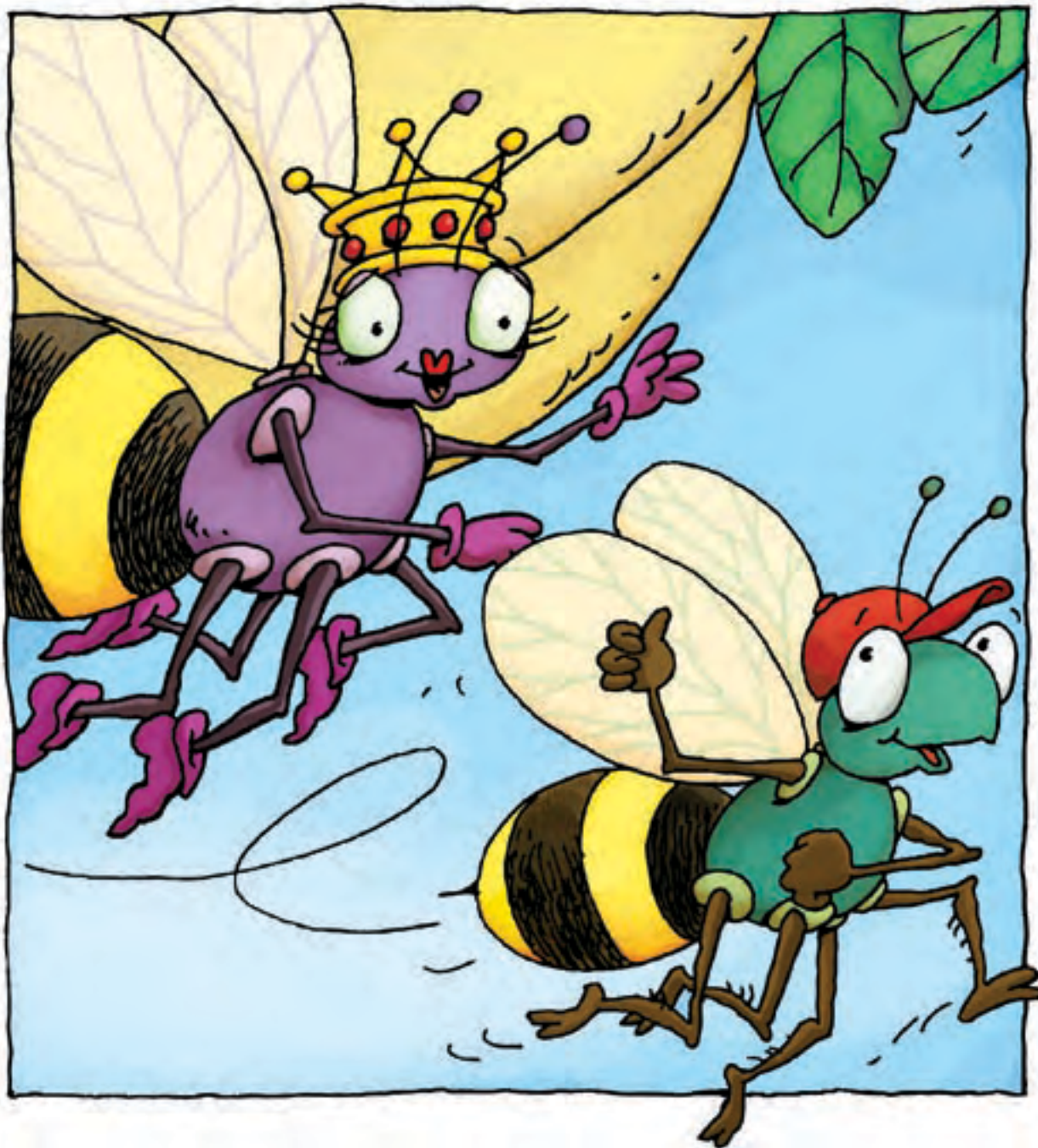
"**Benny**, I **need** to ask you something!"
screamed Queen Bee. "Why do all the **bees**
speed away when I **speak**?"
"I **believe** the **reason** is that you **scream**,"
squeaked Benny Bee.



"I **see**," said **Queen Bee**. "I was just using my outdoor voice so all the **bees** could hear **me**. From now on, I will **speak softly**."

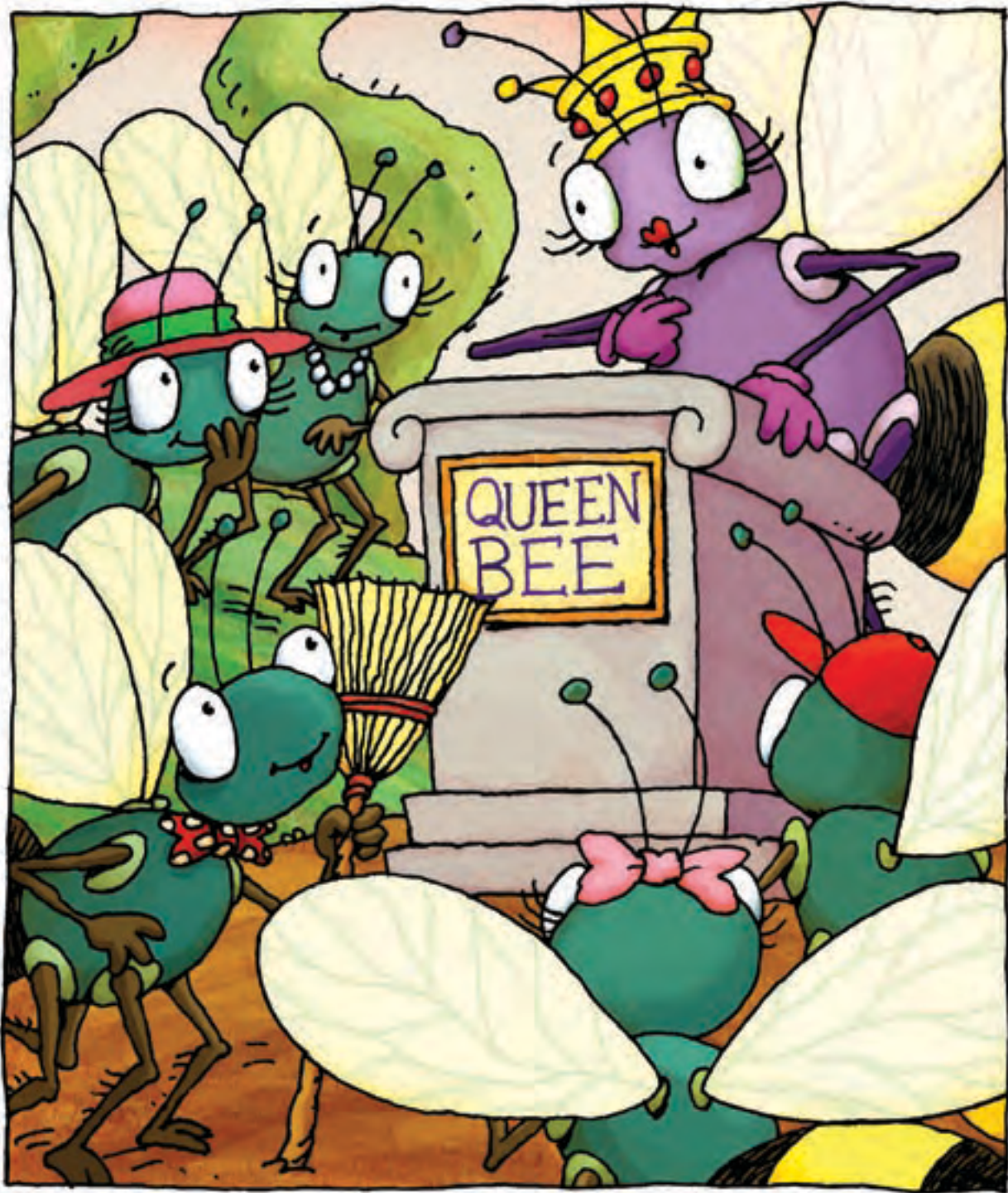


“Neat!” squeaked Benny Bee. “And there’s one more thing: “When you **need** our help, would you say **please**?”



"That is **easy**," said **Queen Bee**. "Please go tell the **bees** to **meet me beneath** the **tree** for a **speech**."

"I will **be** back **before** you can count to **three**," squeaked **Benny Bee**.



"My sweet bees, I am **really** sorry that I **screamed** and did not say **please**," said **Queen Bee** softly. "Can you **each** forgive **me**?"

YES, INDEED!



"YES, **INDEED!**" screamed the **bees**.
"We love you, **Queen Bee!**"

Long-e Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right long-e word from the box.

Word Box

queen	sweet	flea	bee	mean
clean	scream	leaves	sweep	bean

- 1 This bug has black and yellow stripes.
- 2 A princess grows up to be this.
- 3 It is the opposite of *dirty*.
- 4 You do this with a broom.
- 5 It is the opposite of *sour*.
- 6 It is the opposite of *nice*.
- 7 These grow on the branches of trees.
- 8 It means almost the same thing as *yell*.
- 9 This vegetable rhymes with *mean*.
- 10 This bug sometimes makes dogs itch.



Answers: 1. bee 2. queen 3. clean 4. sweep 5. sweet 6. mean 7. leaves 8. scream 9. bean 10. flea

Long-e Cheer

Hooray for long e, the best sound around!

Let's holler long-e words all over town!

There's **queen** and **bee** and **cheese** and **scream**.

There's **clean** and **read** and **tea** and **dream**.

There's **me** and **we** and **she** and **he**.

There's **brief** and **chief** and **deep** and **sea**.

Long e, long e, give a great cheer

For the **neatest** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of other long-e words. Then use them in your cheer.