

Beekeeper says bears prefer premium honey

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A beekeeper in Turkey has come across a discovery thanks to a group of honey-stealing bears. The hobbyist beekeeper is Mr Ibrahim Sedef, who lives in the Black Sea coastal town of Trabzon, northeast of the capital Ankara. For many years, he

has gone to great lengths to prevent bears from stealing the honey his bees make. In so doing, he has discovered that the bears have a particular penchant for the best quality, most expensive honey. Mr Sedef had struggled to keep the intruders and their sweet teeth away from his beehives. However, the bears evaded his metal cages and protective storage houses, and did not fall for Mr Sedef's attempts to use apples and other fruit as a decoy.

Mr Sedef told reporters that the bears have cost him over \$10,000 in the past three years. During this time, he set up cameras to find out more about their tastes. He enticed the bears with four different bowls of goodies. Three bowls contained various types and quality of honey and one had cherry jam. Time after time, the bears made a beeline for the most expensive honey. They continually opted for the premium Anzer honey, which is believed to be the most expensive in the world. It is produced from the nectar of 90 flowers that only grow in the mountains of the Anzer plateau. It is said to have a whole host of medicinal and curative powers. Despite his financial losses, Sedef said he has grown to love the bears.

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Writing

Honey is better than jam. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

beekeeper / Turkey / discovery / capital / best quality / honey / sweet tooth / apples / bears / camera / goodies / jam / premium / nectar / mountains / medicinal / financial

True / False

- The beekeeper lives in the Turkish capital of Ankara. T / F
- The beekeeper has great lengths of beehives. T / F
- The beekeeper made a pendant for the best quality honey. T / F
- The beekeeper used apples to keep the bears away from his honey. T / F
- The beekeeper gets \$10,000 a year from his honey. T / F
- The beekeeper tested to see if the bears liked cherry jam. T / F
- The expensive honey is made from the nectar of 90 mountain flowers. T / F
- The beekeeper loves the bears that are stealing his honey. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. come across | a. chose |
| 2. prevent | b. battled |
| 3. penchant | c. monetary |
| 4. struggled | d. established |
| 5. decoy | e. stop |
| 6. set up | f. lure |
| 7. goodies | g. therapeutic |
| 8. opted | h. discovered |
| 9. medicinal | i. treats |
| 10. financial | j. liking |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- How important are bees?
- Would your taste buds detect premium honey?
- Why do bears like honey so much?
- What can we do to protect bees?
- Which is better, honey or jam?
- How good is honey for our health?
- What questions would you like to ask beekeepers?

Phrase Match

- thanks to a group of honey-
- the Black Sea coastal
- he has gone to great
- the bears have a particular penchant
- attempts to use apples and other fruit as
- find out
- the bears made a beeline
- the nectar
- have a whole host of medicinal
- Despite his financial
- for the most expensive
- lengths to prevent bears
- of 90 flowers
- a decoy
- losses
- town of Trabzon
- more about their tastes
- for the best quality
- and curative powers
- stealing bears

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of beekeeping as a hobby?
- What do you think of honey?
- What are the uses of honey?
- What do you know about bees?
- Should humans use honey that bees work so hard to make?
- Do you have a sweet tooth?
- What could the beekeeper have done to keep the bears away?
- What do you have a particular penchant for?

Spelling

- The hobbyist beekeeper
- a particular penchant for the best quality
- struggled to keep the intruders
- the bears evaded his metal cages
- protective storage
- use apples and other fruit as a decoy
- He enticed the bears
- made a beeline for the most expensive honey
- opted for the premium Anzer honey
- in the mountains of the Anzer plateau
- medicinal and curative powers
- Despite his financial losses

Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. d	7. i	8. a	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Honey

You think honey is the best spread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spreads. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jam, hummus or avocado.

Role B – Jam

You think jam is the best spread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spreads. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): honey, hummus or avocado.

Role C – Hummus

You think hummus is the best spread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spreads. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jam, honey or avocado.

Role D – Avocado

You think avocado is the best spread. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spreads. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jam, hummus or honey.

Speaking – Spreads

Rank these with your partner. Put the best spreads at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- honey
- vegemite
- hummus
- avocado
- Nutella
- jam
- peanut butter
- cream cheese

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.