

BACKYARD ECOSYSTEM

A ANIMAL COMMUNICATION SCIENCE @ HOME Grades 7-9 ACTIVITY



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LESSON OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS



How Animals and Insects Communicate

- This is the time of year when nature seems to come alive again. We are seeing far more Animals and Insects than we do during our colder winter months. This lesson focuses on the communication methods that are used by these animals and insects as they Find mates, Find food, Establish dominance, Defend territory, Coordinate group behavior, Care for young and go about their natural existence.

Lesson objectives

- Explain the various methods used to communicate.
- Explain the purposes behind these communications.

Outcomes

- Students will understand that there are several non-verbal communication methods.
- Students will understand that there are various reasons that communication is necessary.
- Students will use non-verbal communication to direct a family member to a specific location

Resources

- Animal and Insect Communication

Animal Communication— An Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsMbn3b1Bis>

Bee Dance Language

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb1IRI-YePU>

What's the Waggle Dance? And Why Do Honey Bees Do It?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU_KD1enR3Q

The Waggle Dance of the Honeybee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFDGPgXtK-U>

Types of animal communication

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3X-NkvE49o>

9 Weird Ways Animals Communicate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJ2ebYNtFUA>

11 Weird Ways Animals Communicate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX7LUNed7Sc>

Animal Communication

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i74RbATjBk4>

25 Amazing Ways Animals Communicate

<https://bestlifeonline.com/animal-communication/>

How Animals and Insects Communicate

Animal and Insect communication is the transfer of information from one or a group (sender or senders) to one or more other animals or insects (receiver or receivers) that affects the current or future behavior of the receivers.

Communication is usually between animals and Insects of a single species, but it can also happen between different species.

Animals and Insects communicate using signals, which can include:

- Visual
- Auditory (sound-based)
- Chemical (pheromones)
- Tactile (touch-based)

Communication behaviors help animals and Insects to:

- Find mates
- Find food
- Establish dominance
- Defend territory
- Coordinate group behavior
- Care for young.

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What did you learn about how bees communicate?

What is the bees communication method called? _____

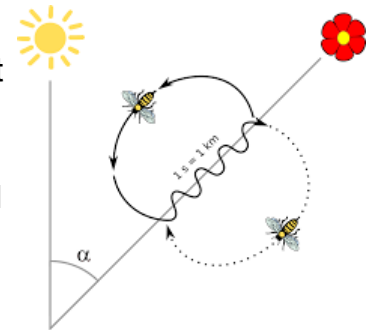
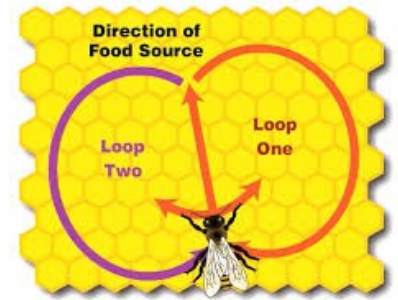
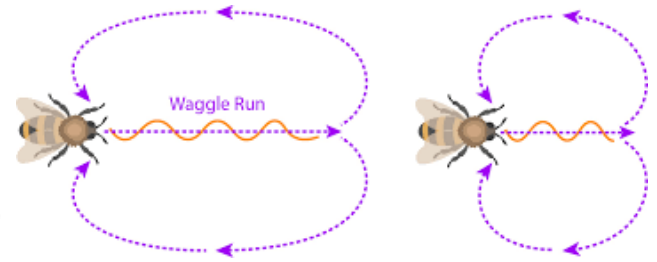
What type of signal or signals do bees use when they communicate? _____

What information is being communicated by the bee? _____



Are you smarter than a bee?

- Using all of the information that you have learned about how bees communicate, direct another family member to a specific location.
- Find a secret spot inside or outside of your house to be the target of your directions.
- Explain to your bee friend (family member) how you are going to communicate non-verbally where to find this secret target.
- Use all of your non-verbal communication to direct them.
- Now, see if they are able to go directly to your secret target.
- Once they are successful, switch roles and see if you have taught them the bees non-verbal communication method well enough to direct you to a secret target that they picked.
- Have fun with this and demonstrate to other Bee friends your new non-verbal communication skills. Do not tell them what your doing and see if they are able to pick up on the signals.



What was the most difficult part of being a bee?

How well did you do at directing your bee friend?

What is the most amazing information that you learned about bees Non-verbal communication?
