

## Grade 3 Opinion Performance Writing

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#### Worms, Bees and Ants: Pests or Pals to Plants and Humans?

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Many people think worms, bees and ants are pests. I think they are pals (useful!).  
One reason for my opinion is <sup>in the article</sup> ~~in the article~~ One example of bees is that they fly from flower to flower and pollinate crops so that we can get food. Another example of bees is that they get nectar from flowers which they turn into honey which we eat or drink in many different ways (Inter-dependent.) In the article Making Honey bees collect and store nectar in their backpacks to make honey. This shows that all of the bees work together to make the honey we use in our food, medicines and even tea! In my opinion in the article Garden

Helps it talks about worms. I believe worms are helpful because they are good diggers. The tunnels they make help our plants by loosening the soil so that air and water can reach the roots of the plants. One example of worms is that they poop called castings, makes the soil healthy for our plants. The casting helps the soil because it reproduces dead leaves, soil, and small twigs. Another example of worms is their bristles because it helps them move through the soil, because if they didn't have bristles it would be hard for them to dig tunnels and move through the soil. One reason for my opinion is in the article The Super Ant. This shows that ants live in colonies that operate as a unified whole. Another example of ants is their pheromones. Unlike invisible bread crumbs because when a ant finds food it releases pheromones so that the colony can

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~~Yes~~ ~~they~~ are not pests. I personally think that they are very helpful <sup>pals</sup> but can sometimes be annoying though.

Worms are good diggers. Their tunnels help air and water reach the roots of the plants. People and animals rely on these plants for food to survive. Worms eat dead leaves and soil and small twigs which they then poop into castings which also make the soil healthy for plants. Worms help us every day. But you may not see it. They are definitely garden helpers. Bees you may think do nothing and are just big pests. But they are actually one of our number one helpers.

What they do is they go to flowers and they suck up the nectar. Plus some of the nectar gets stuck on them so when they go to other flowers that nectar comes off onto this new flower. Also with all of the nectar that they have collected they will turn it into honey. The bees do not mind so much that we take <sup>some of</sup> their honey as long as we leave enough for them to survive. You can also use it's honeycombs for wax which you can use for making candles.

Ants also rely on each other to survive. That is why you mainly see ants in groups of like 5 or 10 of something like that.

In conclusion this is why worms and bees are pals to humans and plants

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Many people think worms, bees or ants are pest. I think they are pals. I think they are pals because the worm for instance helps plants and humans by the worm digs tunnels and what that does it loosens the soil also it makes air and water the roots for the plant. That helps humans by giving it a healthy plant. What else the worm does to help is its poop called a casting. The casting helps by reproducing dead leaves, small twigs and soil. And the casting helps the plant get healthy too. That's how a worm helps

humans and plants. Also the article Garden helpers is where I got my information from. How bees help humans and plants is the bees go to flower to flower and pollinate crops. They help plants that way. Then the bees make honey which we need to use or make food, medicines, some times tea. That's why bees are pals to plants and humans. I got this information from the articles A disaster and Making honey. How ants help is they rely on each other to survive. Each ant has its own specialized job, so every ant has its very own job to do. Ants don't really want to cause any trouble with humans. They just try to survive. They also don't really bother plants. I got this information from the article Super Ant. As I look back on these examples, I realize worms, bees and ants are pals not pests.

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I think worms, Bees and ants are Pals. For example worms dig with their bristles through soil so air and water can get in to the roots of the plants. So plants can grow. And worm castings are healthy for plants so they can grow too. Also Bees can be Pals to Bees travel Plant to Plant collecting nectar so its kind of like a assembly line because worms dig in the soil so air and water can get in to the roots so the plants can grow and the Bees collect nectar finally ants

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The worms, bees, and ants are pals to the human except ants. Worms are pals to humans and plants because worms help plants. Worms help plants because they help them by digging holes in the ground those tunnels loosen the soil so water, air gets to the plants roots. And also worm castings help plants because they eat dead leaves, soil, and small twigs and that makes the soil healthy for our plants. <sup>Next</sup> ~~Bees~~ <sup>Paragraph</sup> are not pest because they help our plants and humans because bees help our food and plants grow we would have no flowers bad and rotten food so bees are pals to humans the only reason they sting is because humans

might bother them while their working.

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Ants are pests because they eat your food like they get into your cereal if its not fully closed they might eat crumbs off your food on a picnic. They also sneek into your house and and just crawl around looking for food and that bothers humans. so worms and bees are Pals to humans but ants are Pests to humans.

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In my opinion I feel that worms and bees are helpful. I know this because in the article Making Honey and A Disaster they talked about how bees help us by helping our flowers and crops grow. We help bees by planting trees to make their hives on. Also, it talks about how bees are dying and if they do there wouldn't be any honey to make cough drops or medicine.

I feel that worms are helpful because when they dig holes air and water reach the roots of flowers and plants. Also, they help us by when they eat dead leaves and twigs then when they poop called castings which help us get rich soil. We help worms by planting flowers

and crops. This is my opinion piece about how I think  
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When it rains worms do go outside. Ants do go crawling around peoples houses. Bees do buzz in your ear and sting you. I think bees, worms, and ants are trying to be pals. Worms dig tunnels to get air for the flowers thats why flowers depend on worms. Humans depend on bees because they make honey for humans thats why bees are helpful. Ants are helpful because they eat the crumbs on peoples floors so there won't be roaches on peoples floors thats why ants are helpful. These insects are all helpful because they do a favor for our community and environment. I do not

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think these insects are pests. I think they just want to help our environment. They can be pests if you bother the insects. Worms are not pests the only thing they do is help our plants. Bees can sting you that can hurt because you probably bothered them. Ants can be pest because they go crawling in peoples house. Sometimes the insects can be pests but not all the time. The ants go in peoples house because they need to survive with food. Worms go out when it rains because they like to go out in the water. Worms go out in the rain because they were in the soil for a long time. Bees go near you because they want to smell you. If we did not have these insects we would not be living in this world. That's why I think these insects are not pests.

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Yes I think these insects are sometimes useful because worms eat dead leaves keep fresh leaves healthy to grow. A tiny bee helps us by taking nectar out of the flower so another bee can come and make honey for us and the bee. Worm poop called castings helps soil with the stuff that the worm has been eating ween its on its diet and the holes in the soil help it get air and oxygen. which helps plants grow which makes vegetables and fruit to eat. They also help us to survive by getting us food to live. Would out them we wouldn't survive. Worker bees take honey from backpacks and makes sure the honey is good before depositing it. so the honey could go to the store to so people can go to the store

and buy it. Yes I think insects are useful.