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## Busy Bumblebees: Nature's Hardworking Helpers

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Pollination is important for the environment because it helps plants grow, which provides food and oxygen for animals and humans.
2. A bumblebee colony works as a team by having the queen lay eggs while worker bees collect food, build the nest, and care for the young.
3. Without bumblebees, many plants would not be pollinated, leading to fewer fruits and vegetables. This would hurt humans and animals that depend on plants for food.
4. Schools and communities can plant flowers, avoid harmful pesticides, and teach others about the importance of bumblebees to help protect them.

