

5 The language of the honeybee

A small part of the worker bees are so-called scouts. Their task is to search for food in unknown areas. If such a scout succeeds in her search, she flies back into the hive and communicates the food source to the other bees. She tells them that she has found flowers and how the others can find these flowers. She also tells them how long the flight takes and whether there are many or just a few flowers. She does this by dancing!