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# Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem. Then answer the questions.

## THE SONG OF THE BEE

by Marian Douglas.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!  
This is the song of the bee.  
His legs are of yellow;  
A jolly, good fellow,  
And yet a great worker is he.

In days that are sunny  
He's getting his honey;  
In days that are cloudy  
He's making his wax:  
On pinks and on lilies,  
And gay daffodillies,  
And columbine blossoms,  
He levies a tax!

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!  
The sweet-smelling clover,

He, humming, hangs over;  
The scent of the roses  
Makes fragrant his wings:  
He never gets lazy;  
From thistle and daisy,  
And weeds of the meadow,  
Some treasure he brings..

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!  
From morning's first light  
Till the coming of night,  
He's singing and toiling  
The summer day through.  
Oh! We may get weary,  
And think work is dreary;  
'Tis harder by far  
To have nothing to do.

### QUESTION

1. The line "Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!" is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- onomatopoeia       alliteration       assonance

2. What senses does the poet appeal to?

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3. What makes the bee a great worker? Select the options.

- He collects a lot of honey.
- He is always working, day and night.
- He is a jolly worker.
- He flies around whole day.

4. What is meant by “*He levies a tax!*”

- The bees are thieves.
- The bee chooses flowers for its honey.
- The bee takes his share of honey from the flowers.

5. According to the poet, what is harder?

- Working through summer.
- Singing while working.
- Having nothing to do.