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Morning breaks and the animals wake, to enjoy another day of life.

One of the animals rising with the sun is the **bee**.

“Bee all I can be!” says the bee, as she uses her wings to fly out of the hive.

Up and down, round and round, she goes in search of beautiful flowers.

Up and down, round and round, the bee finds white, **yellow** and blue flowers, her favourite kinds!

“Bee all I can be!” says the bee, as she uses her wings to fly to a yellow flower.

In and out of the yellow flower goes the bee, in search of sweet, sticky nectar.

In and out of the flower goes the bee and clumpy yellow pollen clings to her hairy body! 🌻

“Bee all I can be!” says the bee.

The **yellow flower** says: Thank You!



In another part of the town and later in the morning, another animal is busy.

A happy, **hummingbird** is on the move, with a busy shake and a happy chirp.

“I’ve got colour I’ve got pace! I can beat you in any race!” says the hummingbird.

With a dart and a shake, she races to find bright, **red** flowers.

“I’ve got colour, I’ve got pace! I can beat you in any race!” says the hummingbird.

In and out of the red flower the hummingbird puts its beak, sucking on the sweet, energy nectar.

In and out of the flower goes the hummingbird, and dusty, light pollen clings to her feathery head! 🌸

“I’ve got colour, I’ve got pace! I can beat you in any race!” says the hummingbird.

The **red flower** says: Thank you!



In the afternoon, as the sun shines on the land,
another animal is busy at work.

A beautiful **butterfly** spreads its wings. The sunshine
dances on its colourful scales.

“I love to dance and flap my wings! Life is full of
happy things!” says the butterfly.

Flapping away, she races off to find beautiful, **orange**
flowers.

“I love to dance and flap my wings! Life is full of
happy things!” says the butterfly.

The butterfly lands on an orange flower and drinks
sweet nectar with a very long tongue.

Tapping on the flower’s crown, light pollen paints
yellow shoes on the butterfly’s feet! 🌸

“I love to dance and flap my wings! Life is full of
happy things!” says the butterfly.

The **orange flower** says: Thank you!



As the sun sets and the night begins to fall, one more animal gets up as the others go to sleep.

A furry **bat** moves among the trees. Special powers allow it to find its way in the dark.

“I smell nectar and I smell fruit! I like late night meals and that’s the truth!” says the bat.

The bat flaps its wings and flies to pale, **white** flowers. It drinks nectar and enjoys some fruit.

As it bends its head, its fuzzy fur captures pollen dust. Soon it is off again, flapping into the night.

“I smell nectar and I smell fruit! I like late night meals and that’s the truth!” says the bat.

The **white flower** says: Thank you!



And so it is, from morning till night, the animals enjoy all flowers, **yellow, red, orange** and **white**. Each animal comes for nectar and each leaves with a gift.

The clumpy pollen goes onto the hairy body of the **bee**.

The light pollen covers the feathers of the **hummingbird's** head.

The sticky pollen covers the **butterfly's** feet.

And the pollen dust is captured on the fur of the head of the **bat**.

“Bee all I can be!” says the **bee**.

“I can beat you in any race!” says the **hummingbird**.

“Life is full of happy things!” says the **butterfly**.

“I like late night meals and that’s the truth!” says the **bat**.

Each time, the flower says: Thank you!

So on each busy day, these animals get their food from flowers. On each busy day, the flower’s pollen is taken away to new places by the animals.

And the **flowers** say: Thank You!

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The flower says “Thank You” is an educational short story for pe-schoolers and students at the Infant level or Primary Schools.

To encourage building the audience’s knowledge of the four key characters that act as pollen-carriers, enlarged photographs are provided in the story. These can be shown to the children when reading, either from the book’s pages, or by printing and laminating the circles on the following pages and mounting them onto craft sticks as visual aides.

We hope that you enjoy sharing this delightful story with youngsters to encourage their appreciation for nature in general and pollinators in particular!









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