News story 2: Bees invade home

Instruction

You have read an interesting story in the newspaper, and want to remember it to tell it to a friend. Try to remember as much as you can by using the spider diagram – write the key points in the box under the headings 'Who?', 'What?', 'Where?', 'When?' and 'Why?' If you break it down into these chunks you will have a better chance of remembering it.

Nightmare Weekend as Bees Invade Home

Neighbours were the first to spot the swarm over the chimney of Frank and Mandy Clark's home in Reading. Before they could alert the family the invaders had entered the kitchen and spare bedroom — and the Clarks had 6,000 honeybees as weekend guests. Mandy said, 'It was like a horror movie, they were crawling out between the skirting board and the carpet. The brickwork was completely covered in a moving black mass. They were buzzing so loudly we could not hear the television.' The council's emergency help line had little to offer, as it was the weekend and there was just a recorded message. On the Saturday night the couple eventually left the bees and went to stay at a friend's house. Bob Phillips — environmental health team leader for the council said: 'Pest control is not a statutory function of the council, and local people have the option of calling out private companies. The Clarks did the right thing, as if they had threatened the swarm in any way they might have attacked as one.' On the Monday morning an environmental health officer smoked out the invaders.

