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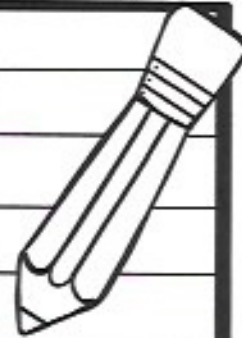
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Proofreading Marks

≡	Capitalize
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thier	Fix the spelling error
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Answer Key



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1. Why are bees important insects? _____

2. What is *pollination*? _____

3. What is one reason a bee may sting you? _____

4. What happens to a honeybee after it stings? _____
