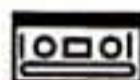


- 31 Read the story **Bambi**, then answer the question: What was Bambi's birthday present for his mother?

**Bambi**  
after Felix Salten



*Bambi* is a book by an Austrian writer, Felix Salten ['fi:lɪks 'sɒltən]. It is a wonderful book. Its author is a poet who feels nature deeply and loves animals. The adventures of the baby deer are very interesting.

 It was Bambi's Mummy's birthday and Bambi wanted so much to give her a birthday present. "But I've no money," he told his friend Thumper, a baby rabbit, "What am I going to do?"

Thumper thought for some time. "I know," he said at last, "we'll pick some flowers in the forest to give your Mummy. All Mummies like flowers."

Little Bambi thought this was a wonderful idea. So he and Thumper went all over the forest picking the prettiest wild flowers.

A bee named Billy was sitting on a leaf not far from the place where Bambi and his mother lived. As a rule, Billy was a busy little bee. Every day he flew all over the forest collecting nectar from the flowers and making honey. But today Billy could not fly very much — there was something wrong with his wings. "Oh, dear," he said. "I can't find many flowers today and I can't make much honey."

Just then Bambi and Thumper came back with a lot of flowers. "We'll leave them here and go off and pick some more," Bambi said with a smile. Thumper put the flowers down and off

<sup>1</sup> **luck** [lʌk] удача

they went to try and find some more pretty flowers.

When the two little friends went away, Billy flew up to the flowers and cried happily, "What luck! I don't have to look for flowers, they are here — lovely flowers, full of nectar. Just what I wanted!" Billy gathered a lot of nectar and soon flew away.

When Bambi and Thumper came back with more flowers, Billy and his bee-friends had a surprise for them. "You helped us so much. This honey is for you," they said.

Bambi was happy. Now he had not only a bunch of lovely flowers as a birthday present for his Mummy, he also had a piece of sweet honey to give her.

"Honey and flowers!" Mummy said. "What a lovely birthday present!"

Now Bambi understands that when it comes to giving presents, you don't have to spend a lot of money to make someone happy. Will you remember that?



**32** Answer the questions.

- 1 Why wasn't Bambi happy on his Mummy's birthday?
- 2 What was Thumper's idea?
- 3 Was Thumper's idea wonderful?
- 4 Why can we call Billy a busy bee?
- 5 Why couldn't Billy make much honey that day?
- 6 Who helped Billy? How?
- 7 What surprise did Billy and his bee-friends have for Bambi?
- 8 Why was Bambi's mother happy?

 **33** Listen and practise reading this part of the text.

**34** Who said these words in the story?

- 1 "I have no money. What am I going to do?"
- 2 "All Mummies like flowers."
- 3 "Oh, dear, I can't find many flowers today and I can't make much honey."
- 4 "What luck! I shall not have to look for flowers, for they are here — lovely flowers, full of nectar. Just what I wanted!"
- 5 "You helped us so much. This honey is for you."
- 6 "Honey and flowers! What a lovely birthday present!"

**35** **What do you think?**

- Were Bambi, Billy and Thumper good friends?
- Bambi did his best to make his mother happy. Why?
- We can make nice presents with no money at all. Do you agree?