

## Airborne Avengers Assemble - An Audio Experience For Kids Transcript

[00:00:00] >>**Queen Bee**: We're about to embark on an immersive audio adventure. I'm Queen Bee, your guide through this experience. You'll meet me for real in a moment and realize Siri and Alexa have nothing on me. Before we begin the adventure, we have an important safety protocol we need to practice. Take a look at where you're standing. That's your home base. Every time you hear this sound you'll come back to your home base right away and get as still and quiet as possible. Let's give that a test. Go ahead and start moving around the space. You can even wave to other people as you pass them by.

[00:00:48] >>**Queen Bee**: Get back to home base.

[00:00:55] >>**Queen Bee**: Are you as still as you can be? Are you quiet? Wonderful. Then we can begin. Welcome to my world.

[00:01:04] >>**Speaker 1**: Hello. Coming through!

[00:01:05] >>**Speaker 2**: Look out! Look out! Look out!

[00:01:08] >>**Speaker 3**: Whoa! It's a busy day!

[00:01:09] >>**Speaker 4**: Here I come! Here I come!

[00:01:11] >>**Speaker 5**: Are you coming to see the Queen? Just be lined that way.

[00:01:14] >>**Speaker 6**: Welcome to the Pollination Station. Right this way to see the Queen.

[00:01:25] >>**Male Announcer**: Please give it up for the one and only, the bold and buzzy, the Queen Bee!

[00:01:35] >>**Queen Bee**: Welcome, brave pollinators! Or should I say, my Airborne Avengers, assembled! Are we all here? Bees, are you in the house?

[00:01:45] >>**Bees**: You better bee-lieiving it.

[00:01:47] >>**Queen Bee**: Bat, are you in the house?

[00:01:48] >>**Bat**: You bat-cha.

[00:01:50] >>**Queen Bee**: Butterfly, are you in the house?

[00:01:51] >>**Butterfly**: Yes! Jeez, why all the yelling? I'm right here!

[00:01:55] >>**Queen Bee**: Who was that? What was that noise?

[00:01:58] >>**Esperanza**: Esperanza's in the house!

[00:02:00] >>**Queen Bee**: But you're not a pollinator.

[00:02:01] >>**Esperanza**: But I can help the pollinators. I've already gotten my parents to make a pollinator-friendly garden.

[00:02:07] >>**Queen Bee**: Ok, fine. Esparanza the human is in the house! Who else is in the house? If you're here, yell out your name! Excellent, it's a full house. Now that we've assembled, let's get a little warmed up. Get ready to move. High five as many other Airborne Avengers as you can in the next 15 seconds. Ready? Go!

[00:02:37] >>**Male Announcer**: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0!

[00:02:51] >>**Queen Bee**: Get back to home base.

[00:02:57] >>**Queen Bee**: Okay, great job. Now just one more warm-up mission. You have 90 seconds to play rock, paper, scissors with as many others as possible. Ready?

[00:03:08] >>**Queen Bee**: Gooo!

[00:04:13] >>**Woman Announcer**: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

[00:04:26] >>**Queen Bee**: Get back to home base.

[00:04:45] >>**Queen Bee**: Airborne Avengers, we have a challenge. The weather has been warmer. The trees and plants have been stressed. And we really need you, bats, bees, butterflies, to spread out, pollinate, and keep our plants and ecosystems healthy and strong. One of the biggest threats to pollinators is lawn mowers and leaf blowers. Butterfly's gonna scout way up high and tell the rest of us how to avoid these noisy bees. Over to you, Butterfly.

[00:05:16] >>**Butterfly**: Okay everyone, start moving around the room. You can walk or skip or run. Just follow my directions to avoid the lawnmowers and leaf blowers and stay safe. And remember, whatever you do, don't stop moving. Everybody duck! No, there's no duck. Get down! There's a leaf blower right above us. That was close. Stay low if you can, but still keep moving. Okay, you can get back up. Now lean to the right as you're moving. Lean to the left. Back to the right. Great work, everyone. Incoming lawnmower. Everybody spin in place to avoid the blades. Keep spinning. Spin, spin, spin. Oh no, the Lone Roar is coming right for us! We're gonna have to jump over it. On three. One, two, three, jump! Again! One, two, three, jump! One last time as far as you can! One, two, three, jump! Excellent. Great work. Now this one's important. Stick out your tongue. Okay, last one. We're gonna scare them all away. Make a big scary face and a big scary noise. Ready? Great work everyone. You did it. You dodged the leaf lowers and lawnmowers. Now head back to your home base and be as still and quiet as you can to await the next mission from the Queen.

[00:06:53] >>**Queen Bee**: Brave pollinators, you made it through. Now, let's enjoy flying through a rainstorm. Let's see if we can be the rain. See what I did there? Siri could never. Start moving again, however you're comfortable. Quietly now, start clapping your hands against your body. Arms. Stomach. Legs. The first patter of rain. Now a little louder. And clap harder. Now bring your feet in, and now you're stomping and clapping! There, a bolt of lightning. What follows lightning? That's right, thunder. On three, everyone jump up and stomp the ground. Ready? One, two, three. Again. One, two, three. One more time. One, two, three!

[00:08:20] >>**Queen Bee**: Oh no, winged Avengers, another threat is coming! Someone is raking the leaves where pollinators rest! Let's see if we can evade the rake. This mission is called Freeze. We're gonna play a little music, and when the music stops, you have to freeze exactly in place or else the rake might clip you. Begin to move around the room, however you're comfortable. Walking, running, flapping your wings. That's it! Keep moving. Did you freeze exactly in place? Let's try it again, a little faster this time. Start moving around the room again, however you're comfortable.

[00:09:07] >>**Queen Bee**: Stay on your toes. Oops, pollinators don't have toes. Stay on your wingtips. And freeze. Okay, one last time. Buzz, fly, walk, run, spin. Keep moving, faster. And... And... And... Freeze! Wow, good job! We escaped the rakes! Now that we've survived the gauntlet of lawnmowers, leafblowers, and rakes, let's do what pollinators do best. Let's pollinate! How do we pollinate? We've got to move pollen from plant to plant to help the plants produce fruits and seeds, which humans like Esperanza eat. So imagine you've landed in a big, lovely flower. Something sticky clings to you, like Cheeto's dust or melted ice cream. That's pollen. Now we've got to spread it around, so let's take flight. Imagine you're trailing something sticky all around the room with your feet. We've got to get that sticky pollen all over. Really tap your feet against the floor to shake the pollen from plant to plant. Imagine that trail of stickiness you're leaving, just crisscrossing from flower to flower. Don't collide with any other pollinators, but feel free to high five them as you pass.

[00:10:44] >>**Queen Bee**: And make sure you get everywhere in the room. We don't wanna leave anything un-pollinated because then those plants won't be able to produce food. A few more seconds to make sure you get everywhere in the space!

[00:11:16] >>**Queen Bee**: Phew! I'm so sticky now, ugh, sticky, icky, icky. Now I need to honeycomb my hair. Anyway, pollination is a lot of work. Give yourself and all the other pollinators a huge round of applause. Now take a deep breath. Now take an even deeper breath. And exhale really loudly. Now breathe really quietly. Can we all be as quiet as possible? Imagine we're in a garden. Listen to the sounds of pollinators buzzing and flying about. And remember, the littlest ones can make the biggest difference. Bees, bats, butterflies, and more protect our ecosystems, and strong ecosystems protect us against challenges like climate change. Humans, even the littlest ones, can help the pollinators and make a big difference for our home and world.

[00:12:41] >>**Esperanza**: See, told ya, humans are just as important as you all.

[00:12:45] >>**Queen Bee**: That's right, Esperanza, humans are just as important. Thanks for adventuring with me today, Airborne Avengers. If you stay tuned, there's optional discussion prompts and answers to debrief what we learned about pollinators today. Have a bee-autiful day! See what I did there?

[00:13:01] >>**Bat**: Bat home for me!

[00:13:02] >>**Butterfly**: Butterfly off now.

[00:13:04] >>**Esperanza**: Haha, see you later pollinator!

[00:13:18] >>**Queen Bee**: Now we'll begin our debrief. We're going to get into small groups, two to four people, and think back on our missions with four questions. After each question, we'll give the groups two minutes to answer, then we'll move on. And at the end,

we'll go over all of the answers. Question one: what kind of insects and animals can be pollinators? Question two: what are some of the biggest threats to pollinators? Question three: who can make a difference for pollinators and healthy ecosystems? What can they do? Question four: how do pollinators connect to ecosystems and to climate change? Now, let's go through some answers to our four questions. What kind of insects and animals can be pollinators? We know bees, bats, and butterflies can be pollinators, but so can birds, moths, flies, beetles, and wasps. And there are hundreds of different kinds of bees that are pollinators. The answer to question two, what are some of the biggest threats to pollinators? We know from the missions that some of the biggest threats to pollinators are lawn mowers and leaf blowers, and raking leaves disturbs the resting place of pollinators. That's why there's been a big campaign to leave the leaves. Another big threat to pollinators is declining and fragmented habitat spaces. Additionally, using pesticides on lawns can be quite harmful to pollinators. Now, let's answer question three. Who can make a difference for pollinators and healthy ecosystems, and what can they do? Everyone. Even the littlest human can help pollinators. One of the best things you can do is use any window or garden space to plant pollinator-friendly species and protect pollinator habitat. You can also talk to your parents about reducing mull weighing, leaf blowers, raking, and pesticides. And you can spread the word about the important role pollinators play in feeding us and protecting our ecosystems. Our final question. How do pollinators connect to healthy ecosystems and to climate change? Pollinators move pollen from one part of a plant, the anther, to another, the stigma, which is a totally critical process for helping the plant reproduce and make flowers and seeds. Pollination helps plants thrive and spread, even in the face of challenges like climate change. And humans, they can help pollinators. So humans can help on climate change. We're powerful, especially when we help each other. Gosh, I'm the corniest queen bee on the block, but I can't help it. These aren't just buzzz words. It's all true. Bye now. Have a bee-utiful day.