Queen Bee always screams and never says please. Is she mean or just misunderstood? Read this neat story to see!

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Meet Queen Bee.

**Phonics Fact**
This book is full of long-e words. One common spelling of the long-e sound is ee, as in *meet*, *queen*, and *bee*. What other long-e words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!
Everyone thought Queen Bee was mean because she screamed.
“Feed our pet flea!” she screamed at Jean Bee. But Jean Bee buzzed away.

Phonics Fact
The long-e sound can be made with a single e, too. Words that follow this spelling pattern include she, he, me, and be.
“Sweep up these leaves!” she screamed at Lee Bee. But Lee Bee buzzed away.
“Weed the bean garden!” she screamed at Sheena Bee.
But Sheena Bee buzzed away.
“Clean our hive until it gleams!” she screamed at Dee Bee. But Dee Bee buzzed away.
MAKE SOME PEACH TEA!

Phonics Fact
When a word ends in y, the y sometimes makes a long-e sound, as in Benny. Can you find another word on this page that uses a y to stand for the long-e sound?
(Answer: majesty)

“Make some peach tea!” she screamed at Benny Bee.
But Benny Bee DID NOT flee. He just made her majesty some tea.
“Benny, I need to ask you something!” screamed Queen Bee. “Why do all the bees speed away when I speak?”
“I believe the reason is that you scream,” squeaked Benny Bee.
“I see,” said Queen Bee. “I was just using my outdoor voice so all the bees could hear me. From now on, I will speak softly.”
“Neat!” squeaked Benny Bee. “And there’s one more thing: “When you need our help, would you say please?”
“That is easy,” said Queen Bee. “Please go tell the bees to meet me beneath the tree for a speech.”
“I will be back before you can count to three,” squeaked Benny Bee.
“My sweet bees, I am really sorry that I screamed and did not say please,” said Queen Bee softly. “Can you each forgive me?”
“YES, INDEED!” screamed the bees.
“We love you, Queen Bee!”
Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right long-e word from the box.

Word Box
queen  sweet  flea  bee  mean  clean  scream  leaves  sweep  bean

1. This bug has black and yellow stripes.
2. A princess grows up to be this.
3. It is the opposite of dirty.
4. You do this with a broom.
5. It is the opposite of sour.
6. It is the opposite of nice.
7. These grow on the branches of trees.
8. It means almost the same thing as yell.
9. This vegetable rhymes with mean.
10. This bug sometimes makes dogs itch.

Long-e Cheer

Hooray for long e, the best sound around!
Let’s holler long-e words all over town!
There’s queen and bee and cheese and scream.
There’s clean and read and tea and dream.
There’s me and we and she and he.
There’s brief and chief and deep and sea.
Long e, long e, give a great cheer
For the neatest sound you ever will hear!

Make a list of other long-e words. Then use them in your cheer.