

ELINOR'S TOWN

EP 101 THE TOWN PICNIC

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Elinor's Question: How can we make the ketchup flow?

Logline: Elinor and friends learn how bees make honey from nectar, and solve the sticky ketchup problem.

Curriculum Goals:

LS3a: Observe ways that animals and plants get what they need to live and grow. (How bees make honey from nectar)

ND3: Understand that structures and materials in the natural world can be used or can inspire the engineering of structures with similar function in the designed world. (Goopiness of the honey inspires the solution to goopiness of the ketchup)

SEP1a: Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment. (Elinor is curious about the bee and how it makes honey)

SEP3e: Design and build a solution to a simple problem (add water to the goopy ketchup)

SEP6a: Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena. (They understand the honey's goopiness)

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1	EXT. A CLEARING IN THE FOREST - DAY, DAY 1	1	
	Title Card: "The Town Picnic"		
	It's the day of the Annual Animal Town Picnic! Everyone is gathered at a clearing in the forest. There are vegetable stands and different activities in the background. ELINOR and her mother are walking around the picnic grounds.		
1	ELINOR	1	
	I just love the Town Picnic!		
	What should we do first, Mom?		
2	RANGER RABBIT	2	
	I don't know, Elinor. Let's see...		
	(She looks around)		*
	Ooh, we can do wood-carving with Mrs. Beaver.		
	We look over to Mrs. Beaver, who is speedily carving an elaborate statue from a stump of wood using her teeth.		
3	ELINOR	3	
	(Excited) Ooh, yeah!		
4	RANGER RABBIT	4	
	Or... Mr. Horse is giving everyone hayrides.		
	We look over to Mr. Horse straining to pull a hay cart with the entire Hippo family on it.		
5	ELINOR	5	
	(Ready to dash in that direction)		
	Awesome!		
6	RANGER RABBIT	6	
	Or... We could watch Mr. Cat at the dunking booth.		
	We see Mr. Cat, looking at the water tank nervously as little Suzie Aardvark prepares to throw a ball.		
7	ELINOR	7	
	(Still excited) Woo hoo!		
	We hear an off-screen <SFX:Splash> from the Dunk tank.		
	Suddenly, Elinor's friend HAZEL calls out to them. Hazel is standing in a line next their friend ARI.		
8	HAZEL	8	
	Elinor! Over here!		

9 ELINOR 9
Look, it's Hazel and Ari!

10 RANGER RABBIT 10
Go ahead, honey. I have to talk to
Deputy Mouse.

Elinor scampers over to Ari and Hazel. Elinor's mother stays
behind chatting with JOE MOUSE. Ari and Hazel are in a long
line with other animals. Ari is holding a sandwich.

11 ELINOR 11
Hi, Ari! Hi, Hazel! Whatcha doing?

12 HAZEL 12
Ari is waiting in line for ketchup.

13 ELINOR 13
Ketchup?

14 ARI 14
Not just any ketchup... I'm waiting
in line for Mrs. Gorilla's super
special, World Famous, awesome
ketchup!

15 HAZEL 15
It's his favorite.

16 ARI 16
It's everyone's favorite! That's
why you have to get in line early.
I can't wait to put it on my
sandwich!

17 ELINOR 17
Oooh..Sounds yummy. Can I join you? *

18 HAZEL 18
Of course!

Elinor joins the line with Ari and Hazel. After a few beats,
it becomes clear that the line is not moving.

19 ELINOR 19
Uh... we're not moving.

20 HAZEL 20
I know!

21 ARI 21
We've been here forever!

(MORE)

ARI (CONT'D)

Even that snail is moving faster
than **we are!**

ANGLE ON: a snail inching its way across a nearby log. *

BACK ON: Ari puts his hands on his hips and looks down the
line. Hazel shrugs and pulls her Nature book out of her
satchel. Elinor sighs a deep sigh. *

22 ELINOR 22
Sigh...

Suddenly, a bee passes by, which catches Elinor's attention.
She watches as the bee stops at a flower to drink its nectar
and then flies off. Elinor looks interested.

Ari's stomach grumbles.

23 ARI 23
Oh, I hope the line moves soon, I'm
getting hungry!
(To Hazel) *
I heard that Mrs. Gorilla has a *new*
recipe this year. It's supposed to
be even better than last year's!

24 HAZEL 24
(Without looking up from her book)
Well, I hope it's worth all this
waiting... Right, Elinor?

We pan to reveal Elinor is no longer there.

25 HAZEL (CONT'D) 25
Elinor?

CUT TO:

2 EXT. SOME DISTANCE AWAY, NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- 2
DAY, CONTINUOUS

Elinor is curiously following the bee from a distance as it
hops from flower to flower. **She passes Ranger Rabbit and
Deputy Mouse.**

26 RANGER RABBIT 26
Oh, hi, honey.

27 ELINOR 27
I'm following a beeeee!

**Ranger Rabbit scratches her head and waves after her. Elinor
keeps following the bee along the edge of the picnic grounds.**

After the bee leaves a flower, Elinor looks closely and sees the watery nectar the bee was drinking. The bee moves on and Elinor follows it over a narrow stream nearby, skipping over some stones to cross. Finally, the bee reaches a tree, where a high branch holds a beehive. Elinor sees something cool.

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28 ELINOR (CONT'D) 28
Ooooooohhh!

CUT TO:

3 EXT. THE NARROW STREAM NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- DAY,³
CONTINUOUS

We see Ari and Hazel cross the stream and walk into the trees looking for Elinor. (NOTE: The picnic grounds are visible in the background).

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29 HAZEL 29
Elinor! Where are you?

Suddenly, Elinor calls out to them.

30 ELINOR 30
Hazel! Ari! Stop!!!

Ari and Hazel freeze.

31 ELINOR (CONT'D) 31
Don't. Move. You are about to get honeyed.

Ari and Hazel look up to where Elinor is pointing. High above them is the bee hive, buzzing with a couple of bees. Some of the honey from the hive has dripped down from branch to branch and there's a big glob of it on a branch right over Hazel and Ari's head that's about to drop.

32 ARI 32
Aah!

There's a dramatic moment.

33 HAZEL 33
Aaaah!

Nothing happens.

The honey is really gooey and the drop just stretches in slow motion but doesn't droop down just yet. The friends are surprised.

Elinor looks puzzled.

34 ELINOR 34
Hmm?

She jumps up and down to get a closer look at the glop of honey.

35 ELINOR (CONT'D) 35
(In between jumps) That's... SO...
Interesting! I've never seen
something so goopy before! *

Ari flies up to see it.

36 ARI 36
It moves so slowly...

Hazel stands on her tippy-toes trying to get a look.

37 HAZEL 37
I can't see!

Back on the ground, Elinor looks puzzled.

38 ELINOR 38
I wonder why honey is sooo goopy!

39 ARI 39
Yeah...

40 ELINOR 40
I saw the bee get the juice from
the flower, but that juice was
really watery! How do the bees turn
something so runny into something
so goopy?

41 ARI 41
Hmmm... Maybe they cook it! (He
mimics a stirring motion) Like
soup! *

42 ELINOR 42
Yeah! Or maybe they squeeze it!

Suddenly, Hazel remembers something.

43 HAZEL 43
Wait, I just saw this in my Nature
book!

She takes out her Nature book again and opens it. ANGLE ON:
We see the book from behind her, and we see the illustrations
come to life as Hazel narrates. *

44 HAZEL (O.S.) (CONT'D+)

44 It says here that bees get the nectar (that's the juice from the flower) and then they bring it back to the bee hive.

The illustrations show a bee collecting nectar, then flying back to the hive, where it spits the nectar out into a honeycomb.

ON: Ari *

45 ARI

45 (Making a face) Whoa! That's cool...

BACK ON: The book. *

46 HAZEL (O.S.)

46 Then the bees use their wings to fan it, and that takes out some of the water that's inside of the flower juice.

We see the bees flapping their wings at the nectar. Little water droplet icons flutter away from it until the nectar turns into golden honey.

47 HAZEL (CONT'D)

47 The bees turn the juice into honey because it lasts longer and takes up less space.

48 ELINOR

48 Ohhh... so taking the water out is what makes honey goopy!

49 ARI

49 That's awesome!

Ari flaps his wings at Elinor and Hazel, blowing them with a gust of wind. The kids laugh.

When the dust settles, Elinor looks up at the bee hive.

50 ELINOR

50 Hmm, let's see what other goopy things we can find! We need MORE OBSERVATIONS!

With that, we hear the beginning of a ditty:

58 ELINOR (CONT'D) 58
 Hmm, if taking the water OUT makes
 the honey goopy... then maybe
 putting water back IN will make
 it... less goopy?

Hazel catches on.

59 HAZEL 59
 We need water!

Hazel runs back to the stream and sucks up a trunk-full of water. She runs back and douses Ari. Ari, now soaked, is able to clear his eyes.

Elinor watches as the honey turns more liquidy by the water and starts to run off Ari.

60 ELINOR 60
 Taking water OUT made the honey
 goopy, and adding water back IN
 made it runnier!

Ari beats his wings to dry off, sending water droplets in the direction of Elinor and Hazel.

61 ELINOR AND HAZEL 61
 Ah!/Hey! *

62 ARI 62
 Sorry!

They giggle. At that moment, Ari's stomach growls again.

63 ARI (CONT'D) 63
 I'm glad we figured that out, but
 can we go back to my sandwich,
 please?

His stomach growls again.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

4 **EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC LINE FOR KETCHUP -- DAY, SHORTLY AFTER** 4

Elinor and her friends come back to the same spot they were before, and one of the kids waiting in line hands Ari back his sandwich.

64 HAZEL 64
 The line hasn't moved!

65	ARI	65
	No one has gotten their ketchup??	

The animals in line shrug. We hear some of their stomachs grumbling.

Elinor looks curious again.

66 ELINOR 66
Hmmm... I wonder why? Let's find
out!

Elinor walks towards the head of the line in search of answers.

CUT TO:

5 EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC, MRS. GORILLA'S KETCHUP STAND -- DAY, 5
CONTINUOUS

Elinor and her friends arrive at the head of the line. We see there's a bit of a commotion.

Elinor's Mom seems to be mediating between an exasperated MRS. GORILLA and some hungry animals in line.

67 MRS. GORILLA 67
Nobody appreciates quality!

68 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 68
But I'm hungry!

69 ELINOR 69
Mom, what's going on?

70 RANGER RABBIT 70

Oh hi, Elinor. Well... Mrs. Gorilla has made her delicious ketchup, but it's SO goopy it takes a long time to come out of the bottle!

Elinor and her friends look closely at the bottle of ketchup that Alejandro **Possum** is holding over his sandwich. They see that the ketchup barely flows at all.

71 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 71
I've been here all day and my arm
is getting tired!

72 MRS. GORILLA 72
It's worth the wait! Fine eating
takes time! If it isn't goopy, it
isn't good!

The animals in line start to get restless.

73 RANGER RABBIT 73
Let's calm down, everyone...

74 ARI 74
(Whispering to Hazel and Elinor)
We have a saucy situation!

Ari grabs the bottle of ketchup from Alejandro [Possum](#). He goes through several contortions with the bottle trying to get the sauce to flow faster. He fails. Hazel gives it a try and shakes the bottle with her trunk, but nothing happens.

Elinor, who's been watching her friends, sees the ketchup barely moving and seems to have a thought.

75 ELINOR 75
Ari, Hazel... I wonder if we can solve the ketchup problem in the same way we solved the honey problem...

76 HAZEL 76
You mean..?

77 ARI 77
Add water to it!

78 ELINOR 78
(To Mrs. Gorilla)
May we try changing something in your ketchup, Mrs. Gorilla?

79 MRS. GORILLA 79
But, I've been working on this recipe for a whole [year to make it delicious](#)!

80 RANGER RABBIT 80
(Gently) Mrs. Gorilla... sometimes to solve a problem, you have to be willing to try something new.

Mrs. Gorilla begrudgingly moves aside. Elinor hops up a stool and stands before the ingredients table. She grabs a bottle of ketchup and a bottle of water.

81 ELINOR 81
Ok, let's try [mixing in some water to make it runnier](#)...

Mrs. Gorilla looks disapproving.

82 ELINOR (CONT'D) 82
Just a tiny bit of water to start!

Elinor adds a few drops of water. She mixes it, but when she turns it over, nothing has changed. It's still ~~super-too~~ goopy.

83 ELINOR (CONT'D) 83
Hmm. It's still too goopy. Let's try a little bit more...

Mrs. Gorilla doesn't look happy but Elinor adds a medium amount of water to the ketchup. She mixes it, and when she turns the bottle over, she sees that it flows at a nice and even speed into a mixing bowl on the ingredients table.

84 HAZEL 84
Yes!

85 ARI 85
Now the ketchup can drip down faster!

Ari takes the bottle and pours some over Alejandro Possum's sandwich. With all the animals looking anxiously, Alejandro takes a bite.

86 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 86 *
(After a pause, and still munching)
It's delicious!

All the animals cheer.

87 MRS. GORILLA 87
Hmmp, let me try that.

Mrs. Gorilla pours a bit of the sauce on her finger and tastes it. Her expression changes from grumpy to surprised.

88 MRS. GORILLA (CONT'D) 88
It... it tastes even better now!

The animals cheer again.

89 RANGER RABBIT 89
Phew!

Elinor repeats some lines from the ditty.

90 ELINOR 90 *
(Singing)
Some things are goopy, *
Others runny and soupy! *

(MORE)

ELINOR (CONT'D)

If it's goopy and really slow,
Just add water to make it go!

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The line starts moving faster now, and everyone is enjoying Mrs. Gorilla's ketchup on their favorite picnic food. Mrs. Gorilla looks very happy to see everyone's positive reaction.

Ari takes a bite out of his sandwich with the sauce on it.

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ARI

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Mmm! Elinor, I'm glad you used your
powers of observation to do goop.

His stomach gurgles.

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ARI (CONT'D)

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Oops, I mean "good."

Everyone has a laugh. Elinor leads them off towards one of
the fun activities.

END.