

What's the Buzz?

When Lista first meets Ryk and visits his colony, she's surprised by some of the sayings she hears. Here's a list of many of them—and their meanings in case you're curious!

The Saying	What it Means	Similar Sayings You May Know
A bad attitude is like honey; it sticks to everything.	A reminder to think more positively	Don't be so pessimistic./A bad mood ruins everyone's day.
A pretty hive is useless if it doesn't provide honey.	A criticism meant to convey the idea that something is worthless if it doesn't have utility no matter what its appearance is	That's a fool's errand.
He's a real worker bee.	A compliment for someone who works hard	He's a hard worker.
Douse me with pollen and call me a bee!	An expression that indicates surprise about something	Butter my butt and call me a biscuit!
She's all buzz and no pollen.	An insult about someone who doesn't do much	She's all talk and no action.
He sure has been buzzing around her a lot lately.	An expression of interest or perceived interest	He's got his eye on her.
Just as bees buzz...	An exclamation used to emphasize the statement that follows	Just as dogs bark./As sure as shootin'.
If you've got bees, they're gonna buzz.	A reminder that everything has consequences (or some negative attributes)	If you've got a dog, it's going to bark.
I'm just buzzing around.	Indicates nonchalance and/or boredom	I'm just hanging out.
She's buzzing around like a bee that can't find its hive. Alternatively: She's all a buzz.	Indicates someone who is easily excitable or distracted	She's all a dither.
He's buzzing around the wrong hive.	Indicates that someone has made a mistake	He's barking up the wrong tree.
She's always buzzing around.	A compliment for a hard worker; alternatively, it can also be used as commentary about someone who engages in gossip	She's always busy. She's always got her nose in other people's business.

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Stop buzzing at me.	An irritated request to stop something	Don't bug me./Stop nagging me.
What's the buzz?	A salutation or greeting Alternatively, can be a sincere question about how things are going	What's going on?/What's happening?/What's new?
Don't blame the bees when the honey crystalizes.	A reminder to consider your own role in a situation	Look to yourself before placing blame.
Don't let the bee out of the hive.	An entreaty for someone not to spoil a surprise	Don't let the cat out of the bag.
Don't judge the flavor of the honey by its color.	A warning not to make assumptions based on appearances	Don't judge a book by its cover.
Even the best beekeeper gets stung sometimes.	A reminder that circumstances can change	Life's got its ups and downs.
You're faster than a bee returning to its hive when a storm rolls in.	Indicates that someone is doing something very quickly	It's quicker than you can say Jack Robinson.
For the hive's sake!	An expression of exasperation or frustration	For Pete's sake!
She just flow out of the hive and into the swarm.	A discussion about the risk of leaving something bad only to end up in a worse situation	She just jumped out of the pot and into the fire.
He's a good bee, but he sure doesn't make much honey.	Commentary about someone who's nice but lazy	He's a good dog, but he can't catch his own shadow.
Go smoke your hive!	An expression of irritation or frustration, usually directed at someone in particular	Get out of my face!/Give me a break!
She's grumpier than a thrice-stung beekeeper.	Commentary about someone who is cantankerous	She's as grumpy as can be.
He's happier than a bee in a blooming sugar-tree!	Indicates excitement, joy, or happiness	She's happy as a clam.

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In for a dollop of honey, in for a cup.	Indicates that once something has begun, it must go to completion	In for a penny, in for a pound./In for a dime, in for a dollar.
It's all mites and hive beetles from here on out.	An expression indicating that things are about to get worse/harder	It's all uphill from here.
It's like licking honey off a heat-seeking vine. It might taste good for a minute, but you'll be sorry!	A reminder not to do something foolish	It's not all it's cracked up to be.
She's madder than a hive of angry bees.	Indicates fury or rage	Madder than a wet hen
Never hit a hive with a short stick.	A warning not to do something stupid	Don't be stupid.
He really pours the honey on thick.	Commentary about excessive compliments	He's really greasing that wheel.
Pour me out and call me a puddle of honey.	Indicates exhaustion	I'm beat.
She's lazy as a queen bee in a hive with no drones.	An insult for someone who's very lazy; usually directed at a woman, but not always	He's as lazy as a dog in summer.
You're not the queen bee, you know./Do you think you're the queen bee or something?	A comeback meant to stop someone from giving others orders Alternatively, an insult about someone who's self-centered	You're not the boss of me./You're not my mother. Who do you think you are, anyway?
She thinks she's the queen bee./He thinks he's the only drone out there.	An insult about someone who seems to think they're particularly attractive; usually a female if the <i>queen bee</i> version is used and male if the <i>drone</i> version is used	She thinks she's all that./He thinks he's God's gift to women.
He's so stupid he doesn't know a bee from a wasp!	An insult to someone's intelligence	What a dunce!
She was so drunk she couldn't find a swarm of bees if she was covered in honey.	Commentary about someone who drank too much honey wine.	She's crazy drunk.

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Stingers and venom!	A mild curse	Dang it! or Oh, crap!
Sweet nectar!	An exclamation of surprise	Holy cow!
Sweeter than a hive full of sugar-tree honey	A compliment when said about a person Alternatively, an expression of appreciation or anticipation	Nicest person I know, etc. It's better than sex.
There's a hive for every bee.	An reminder that there's someone out there for everyone	There are plenty of fish in the sea.
He's unluckier than an allergic beekeeper	An acknowledgment of someone's misfortune	It's not his lucky day.
We've all seen small hives produce buckets of honey.	A reminder that things won't necessarily turn out like you think they will (usually meant as encouragement)	Things may still turn around.
Worrying only gives a small bee a bigger stinger.	A reminder that worrying about something only makes the problem seem bigger	Don't sweat the small stuff.
You can hide a bee hive, but you can't hide the buzzing.	Refers to someone trying to hide evidence about something they've done	You can put out the fire, but you can't hide the smoke.
You can't tell the quality of the honey by the size of the hive.	An entreaty not to judge by appearances	You can't judge a book by its cover.
You're prettier than a glass jar of golden honey sitting in a pool of sunlight.	A compliment about someone's appearance	You look nice.