

# All About Bees



Bees are tiny insects, but they are very important!  
They help flowers grow by spreading pollen.  
This is called pollination.  
Without bees, many plants and fruits would not grow.

Bees live in big groups called colonies.  
A colony has one queen, many worker bees and some drones.  
The queen lays eggs. The worker bees build the hive, find food and look after the babies.

Bees make honey from flower nectar.  
They store honey in the honeycomb inside the hive.  
People collect some of the honey to eat. It is sweet and delicious!

Bees are busy every day.  
They fly from flower to flower collecting nectar and pollen.  
They work together to keep their hive safe and strong.

We can help bees by planting flowers and not using harmful chemicals.  
Let's look after these amazing little helpers!

## VOCABULARY

### pollination

when pollen is moved  
from one flower to another

### nectar

a sweet liquid in flowers  
that bees collect for food

### colony

a large group of bees  
that live together



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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What do bees help flowers do?  
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- 2 What is this called?  
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- 3 What would happen if there were no bees?  
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- 4 What is a group of bees called?  
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- 5 How many queens are in a colony?  
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- 6 What do worker bees do?  
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- 7 What do bees make from flower nectar?  
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- 8 Where do bees store honey in the hive?  
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- 9 What can people do to help bees?  
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### THINK DEEPER



Why do you think bees are so important for our world?

What might happen if they disappeared?

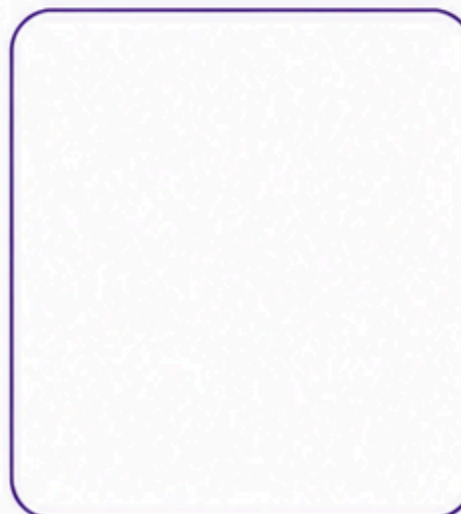
Write three ideas.

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- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

### EXTENSION ACTIVITY



Draw a bee and label FOUR of its features.



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- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

