

Bee Wheel: Printable Worksheet

Bees are social insects. They have an exoskeleton, a 3-part body (head, thorax, abdomen), 2 antennae, 4 wings, and 6 jointed legs.

When a larva is grown, the workers cap its cell with wax. The larva pupates and emerges as an adult in about 10 days.

There are 3 types of bees: the queen (who lays eggs), workers (sterile females) and drones (males). A hive is mostly workers.

Bees undergo complete metamorphosis. The queen lays an egg in a cell of a hexagonal wax comb. The comb is built by workers.

A worm-like larva emerges from each bee egg. The brood of larvae is cared for by worker bees.

Workers collect flower nectar (they turn it into honey) and pollen (they feed it to larvae). While collecting, bees pollinate many plants.

Queen Drone Worker

Head Thorax Abdomen

Larva in cell

Pupa in cell

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1. How many legs do bees have? _____
2. Bees undergo complete _____
3. When a bee egg hatches, a _____ emerges.
4. A honeycomb is made of _____.
5. The three types of bees are: _____,
_____ and _____.

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