



Honey Bees - Biology

Glossary of the Hive - The Honey Bee's Home

Brood cells — cells that house developing bees.

Cell — a hexagonal wax chamber built at a slight upward angle by honey bees for brood rearing and storing pollen and honey.

Circumference — the length of the perimeter (outside) of any closed figure.

Colony — a group of animals living together.

Comb — a structure made up of hexagonal wax cells.

Diameter — the length of a straight-line segment through the center of a sphere.

Hexagon — a polygon having six sides and six angles.

Hive — a home to a colony of bees.

Polygon — a closed figure bound by three or more line segments.

Propolis — a sticky substance collected from trees by bees and used as glue to construct and seal parts in the beehive and protect the hive from the elements.

Wax — the substance excreted from the glands located on the underside of a honey bee between its abdominal segments.