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The Honeybee

Bees are very important to the environment as they pollinate many plants.

There are three types of bees- workers, drones, and the queen.

Worker bees clean, defend, and repair the hive. They build the comb from wax and gather nectar, pollen, and water.

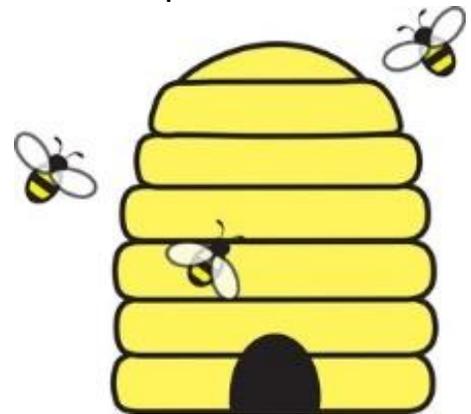
All worker bees are female. They are busy little creatures, hence the saying “as busy as a bee.”

The worker bee only lives for about six weeks.

The drones are the male bees. They are larger than the female bees.

The drones only job is to mate with a queen bee from any hive. Once they have mated with a queen bee they die.

The queen bees job is to lay eggs. She can lay up to twelve hundred eggs a day and is cared for by the worker bees. The queen bee lives for about two years.



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Use the information on the previous page to answer the following questions.

Answer the following questions.

1. What type of bee lives for about two years?

2. Once a drone bee mates with a queen bee, what happens?

3. What is a bees role in the environment?

4. Where does the phrase "as busy as a bee" come from?

5. What are the three types of bees?

Circle True or False for questions 6-10.

6. A queen bee can lay 800 eggs. True or False

7. The three types of workers are workers, drones, and the queen. True or False

8. Female bees are larger than drones. True or False

9. Queen bee lives for 2 years. True or False

10. Worker bees build the comb from wax. True or False

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