



ALL ABOUT BEES



Directions: Use the following words to fill in the blanks.

honey reproduce nectar queen colonies
pollen antennae drones insect workers

Bees are a type of [insect](#). They have six legs and three body parts. Bees can fly. They have two pairs of wings. They also have two [antennae](#). These help them to pick up scents.

Bees have a long tongue. It helps them to reach inside a flower. That is where they find [nectar](#), a sugary liquid that bees eat. Bees also collect a powder made by plants. It sticks to their legs and is called [pollen](#). Bees use nectar and pollen to produce [honey](#) and beeswax.

Bees are helpful to plants. When they collect pollen, some of the tiny grains rub off on another part of the flower. Then the flower can [reproduce](#). That means more flowers will be able to grow later from seeds. Bees must be careful when they visit flowers. Sometimes large insects or spiders hide inside the blossoms and eat them. Bees are also eaten by birds.

Some bees build nests to live in. Others use hives made by humans. Sometimes bees live in groups called [colonies](#). The leader of a colony is called the [queen](#). Colonies also have workers and drones. [Workers](#) are female bees that gather pollen. [Drones](#) are males that help bees to reproduce.

Bees are very helpful to plants, but in some places they are disappearing. Scientists are trying to find ways to save the bees.