

All about... Honeybees

Honeybees are flying insects and are related to wasps and ants. They have a smaller and slimmer body than bumblebees.



Fascinating Facts

Honeybees die after they have stung. Their sting is barbed and sticks into the skin of the person or animal that they have stung.

To pass on information about different flowers and food to each other honeybees use a 'waggle' dance.

Honeybees make honey which animals and humans eat.

Where Do They Live?

Honeybees can be found living in jungles, woodlands, forests and gardens in many parts of the world, apart from Antarctica where it is too cold for them to survive. They make their own homes where they live called a hive; these can be found in places such as the hollow of a tree. Each hive can contain up to 80,000 bees.

What Do They Eat?

Honeybees eat pollen and nectar from flowers. Pollen is a fine powder made by plants and used by other plants to make seeds; pollen helps the honeybee to grow. Nectar is a sugary liquid that gives the honeybee energy.

Staying Safe

Honeybees use their sting to protect them although they are mainly gentle insects and will only attack if threatened. The honeybee has a number of predators including birds, small mammals, reptiles and other insects. Also, larger mammals such as bears destroy the hive of the honeybees so that they can eat the honey inside.

1. What is the difference between the bumblebee and the honeybee?

2. Where in the world do honeybees not live? Why?

3. Where do honeybees live?

4. How many honeybees can fit into a hive?

5. What do they eat?

6. Who is a honeybees predator?

7. Write one fact about honeybees.
