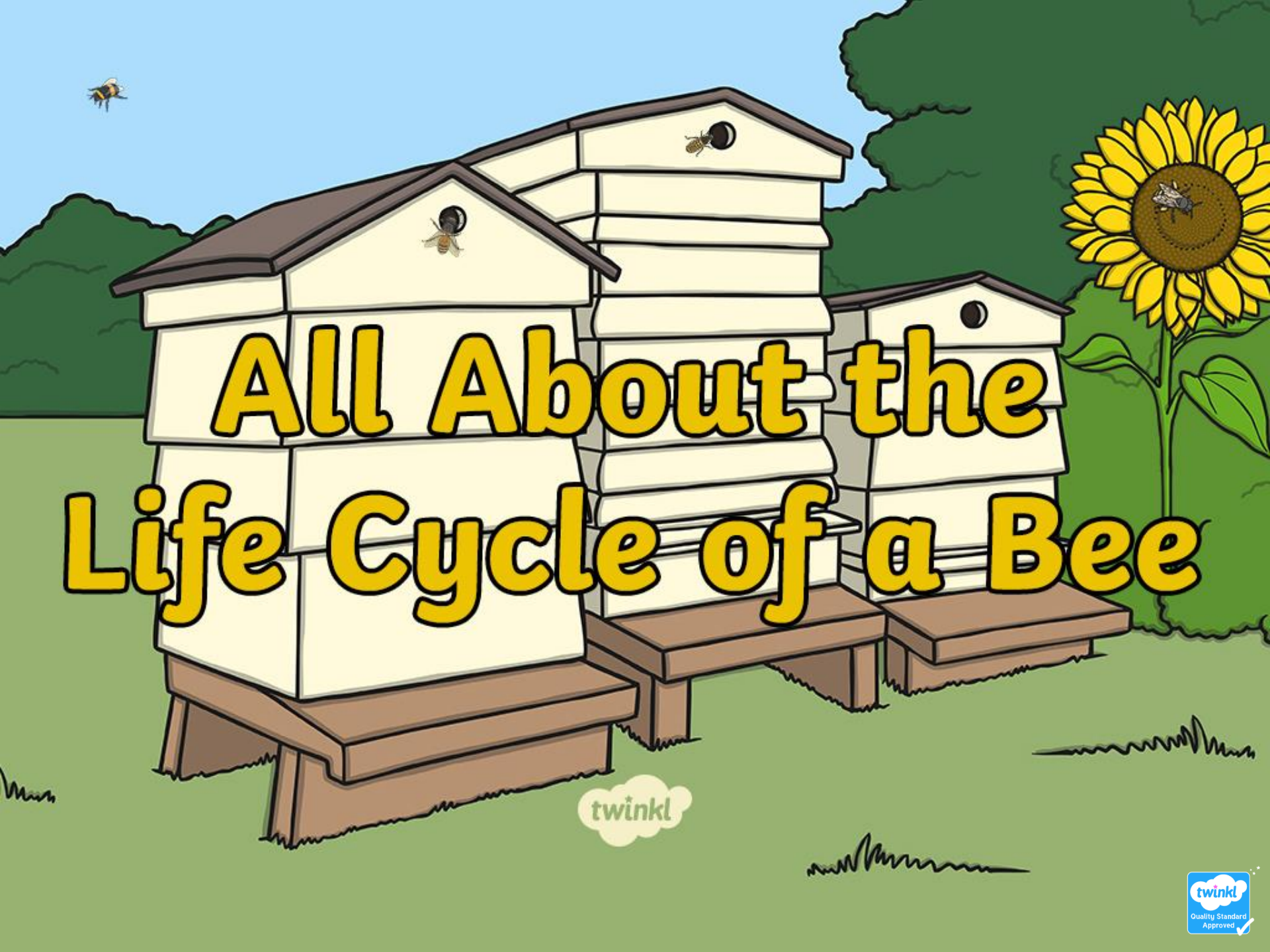
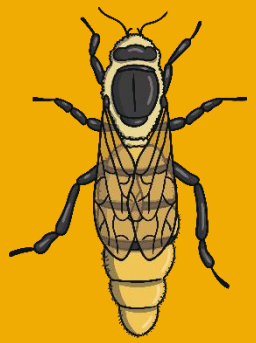
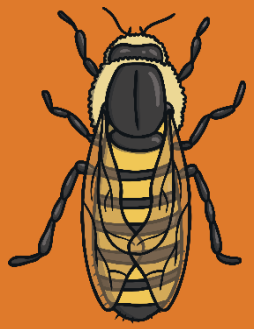

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Different Bees

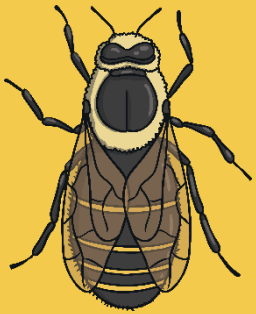
In a beehive, there are three different types of bee.



queen bee



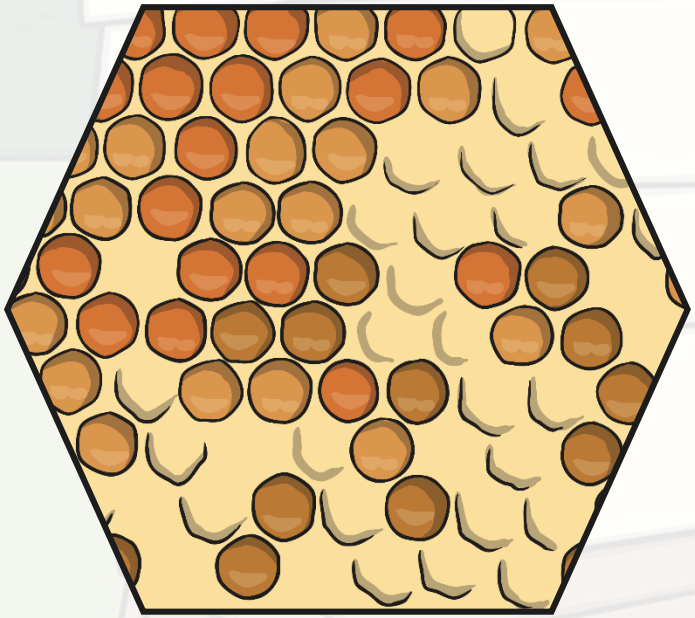
worker bee



drone bee

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The Egg



The first stage in the life of a bee is when the queen bee lays a single egg in a **cell** of the honeycomb.

A cell is a small hole in the honeycomb.

The honeycomb is made by the worker bees.

The egg is long, thin and white.

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The Larvae



After around three days, the egg hatches into a larvae.

The larvae is fed royal jelly, which is made by the worker bees. This is like a white liquid.

The larvae looks like a white worm.

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The Larvae

Then, the larvae is fed bee bread. This is a mixture of honey and pollen.

This is called the pupa stage.



After a few days, the cell is sealed by the worker bees with a lid of wax.

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The Pupa

The pupa grows but is no longer fed.

The pupa spins a cocoon and begins to change. Its legs, eyes and wings grow in the cocoon.

After 21 days from being a new egg, the pupa has become an adult bee.



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The Adult Bee



The fully grown bee bites the lid off the cell and climbs out.

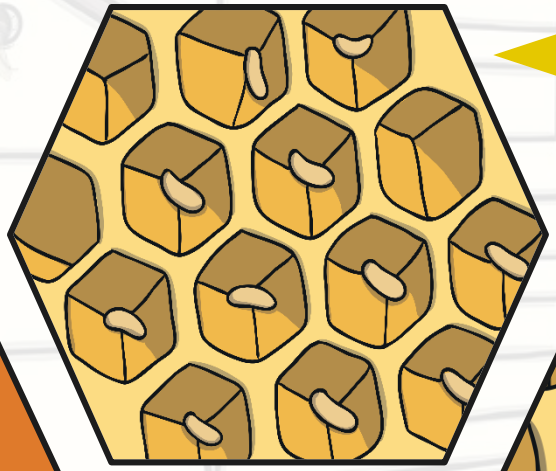
It is a light grey colour. It stays in the hive for 21 days.

At 22 days old, the bee becomes a forager bee. This means it will fly to flowers and look for pollen.

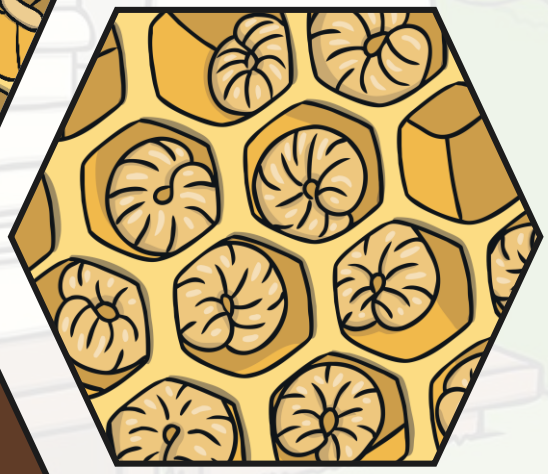
An adult bee can live for up to six weeks in the summer.

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Life Cycle of a Bee



1 egg



2 larvae



3 pupa



4 adult

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