

CLOZE PASSAGE



The Honey Bee



The honey bee is a very unusual kind of 1. _____. Unlike other insect; which live alone, the honey bee lives as a 2. _____ of a community. The bees live 3. _____ in what is known as a bee colony.

The head of the colony is called the 4. _____ bee. She is larger than the rest of the bees. Her main task in the 5. _____ is to lay eggs. Most of the other bees are the worker bees. These bees 6. _____ nectar and pollen from the flowers. The nectar that is carried by the 7. _____ bees is deposited on the hive and then converted into honey. The worker bees also help look after the young bees. As soon as the 8. _____ hatch, the worker bees feed the young bees with pollen and nectar. The 9. _____ type of bee found in the colony is the drone or male bee. The main task of such bee is to mate with new queen.

The queen bee has a life span of about three years. During this period, she would have laid more than half a 10. _____ eggs. When the queen bee is dying, a new queen would be groomed. This new queen would eventually take over the 'duties' of the old queen when the latter dies.

member	queen	collect	eggs	million
third	colony	insect	worker	together