



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.

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| member | queen | collect | eggs | million |
| third | colony | insect | worker | together |