

Where do we live?

We build small rooms called cells. In order to do so, we chew a material you are familiar with: Wax. Only young bees can make wax. It comes out of our abdomen, which is the back part of our bodies. Each cell has six sides. Many cells together form the honeycomb. We store honey in some cells and pollen in other ones. When the cells are full, we seal them with wax. That way, we have enough food for all our large family.



A very large family



There are basically three different types of bees living in the beehive. The queen bee is the mother of all of us and each hive has just one queen. There are many worker bees,

like me and we do all the work around our house. Then there are the drones. There are not many of them and they don't know how to make honey, or wax or anything. They don't even know how to eat, unless we help them!

Two queens?



When the hive is full, it's time to look for another place to live. Then the workers feed one of the larvae uniquely with royal jelly and a new young queen emerges from the cell. Then the old queen gathers together half the workers and they fly off in a great cloud of bees, called a swarm. When the swarm finds a good place, my sister worker bees start to build a new beehive. Good luck!