



## Where do bumblebees live?

Bumblebee queens have two homes:

- In autumn and winter queen bumblebees sleep by themselves in small holes under the ground, in compost heaps or in flower pots. This is called **hibernation**.
- Then, from spring until the end of summer the queen lives in a nest with her daughters. Sometimes there can be up to 400 bumblebees living in the same nest!



## So, where do the boy bumblebees live?

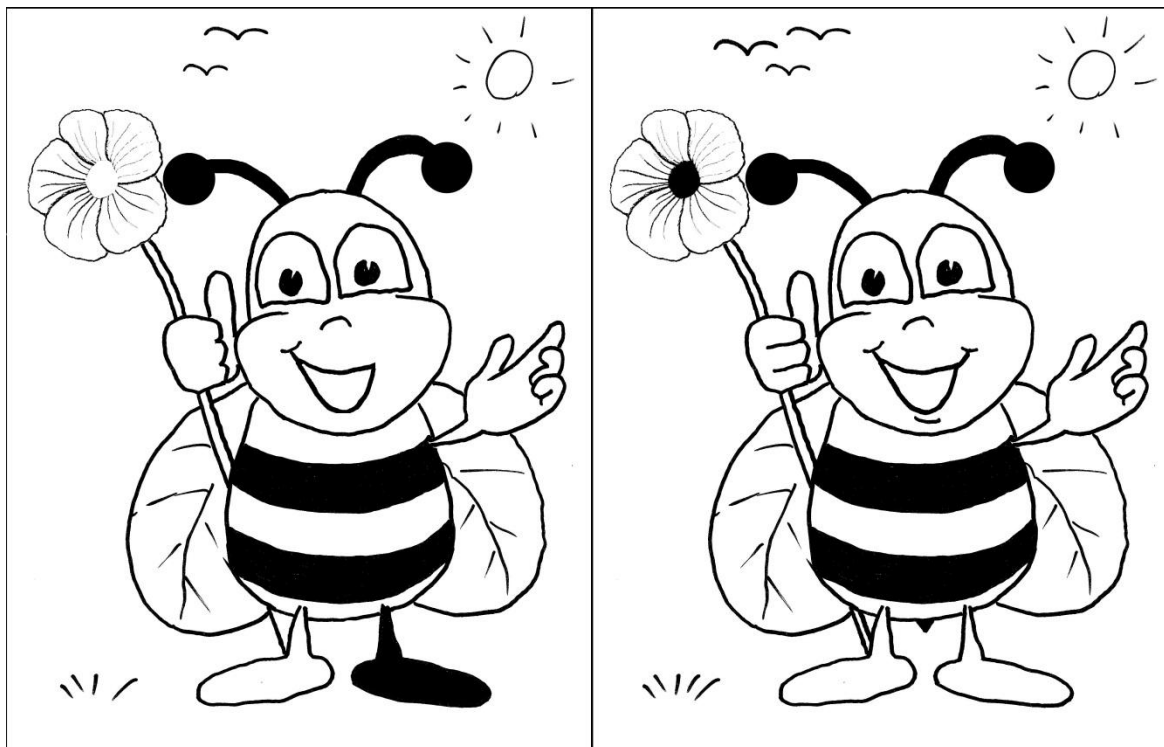
Boy bumblebees are born at the end of the summer.

They start their lives inside the nest with their mother and sisters but boy bumblebees are very lazy. They're not very good at helping to keep the nest tidy or at collecting food for the nest. So, once they have fully grown, they leave home and spend their nights sleeping on flowers.

**You can help bumblebees to nest in your garden by planting lots of flowers.**

## Spot the difference

Can you spot the differences between the bumblebees? There are 10 differences to spot.





## Make your own bumblebee finger painting

Bumblebees are perfect finger print shapes. Why not make a beautiful painting of a garden full of flowers and bumblebees using your fingers.

What you will need:

- Poster paint (yellow is a must but you can use any other colours for the flowers)
- Coloured pencils or pens
- Paper
- Your fingers

We've started the garden for you. Now add your own finger paintings.



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