

Are bumblebees and honeybees different?

Yes! There are lots of important differences between bumblebees and honeybees.

Can you see the **difference** between the photos and colour in the bumblebee and the honeybee?



The table below tells you some more differences.

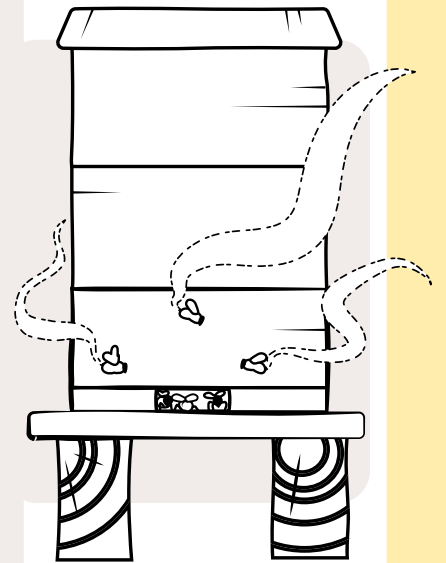
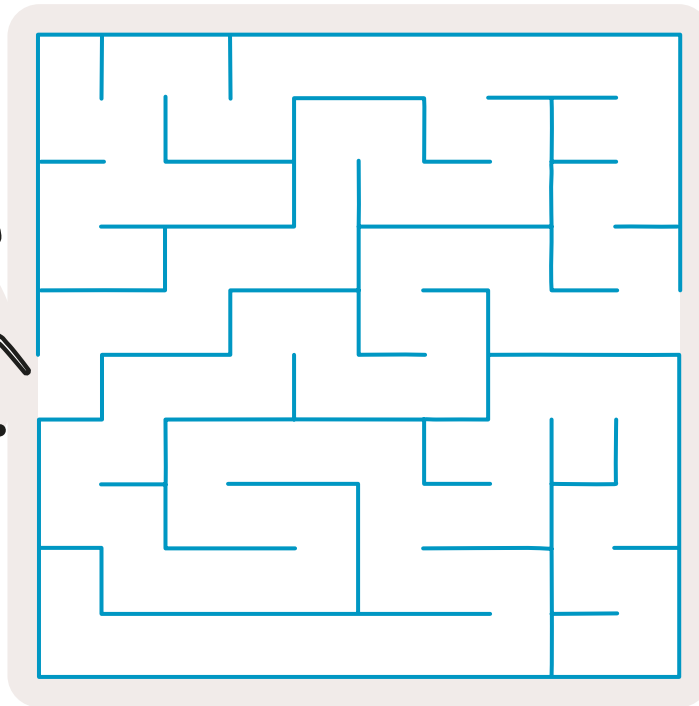
Bumblebee	Honeybee
Fat and furry.	Smaller and slim, like a wasp.
24 different kinds of bumblebee in the UK.	Only one kind of honeybee in all of Europe.
Live in nests with 50–400 bees.	Live in hives of 50,000–60,000 bees!
Only the queen sleeps through the winter in a hole in the ground.	The queen and many of her daughters sleep through the winter in their hive.
Live in the wild, e.g. in our gardens.	Most honeybees are looked after by bee-keepers, like pets.
Collect nectar from flowers to make a honey-like liquid to eat themselves.	Make lots of honey, which bee-keepers take to feed to us.

Both bumblebees and honeybees need flowers for food. **It is easy for us all to look after them by planting lots of bee-friendly flowers in our gardens.**



Can you help the honeybee to find its way home to its hive?

Then colour in the pictures.



Fill in the blanks

Use the information about bumblebees and honeybees from page one to help you fill in the blanks and complete the sentences below.

Bumblebees and _____ are different.

Honeybees are small and _____.

Bumblebees are fat and _____.

Bumblebees live in small _____ with 50–400 other bumblebees.

Honeybee hives are looked after by _____.

_____ queens sleep through winter in a hole in the ground.

Honeybees make a sugary food called _____ which we can also eat.

Both bumblebees and honeybees need _____ for food.



The missing words:

bee-keepers honeybees nests bumblebee slim furry flowers honey