



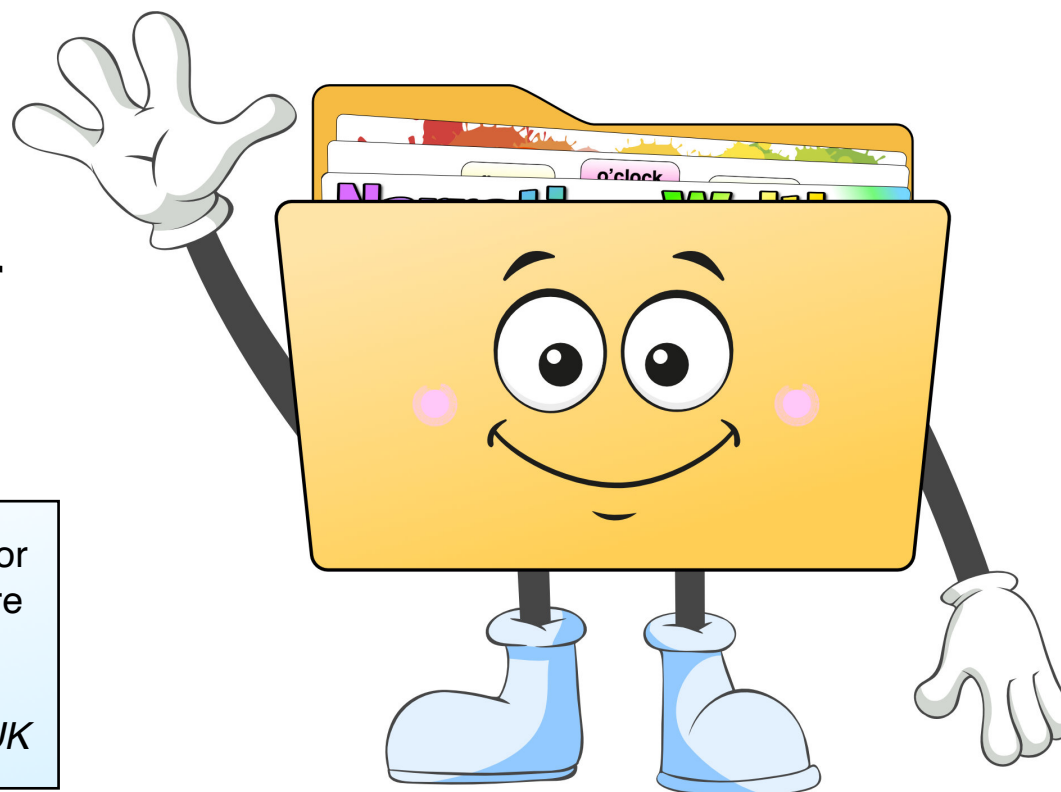
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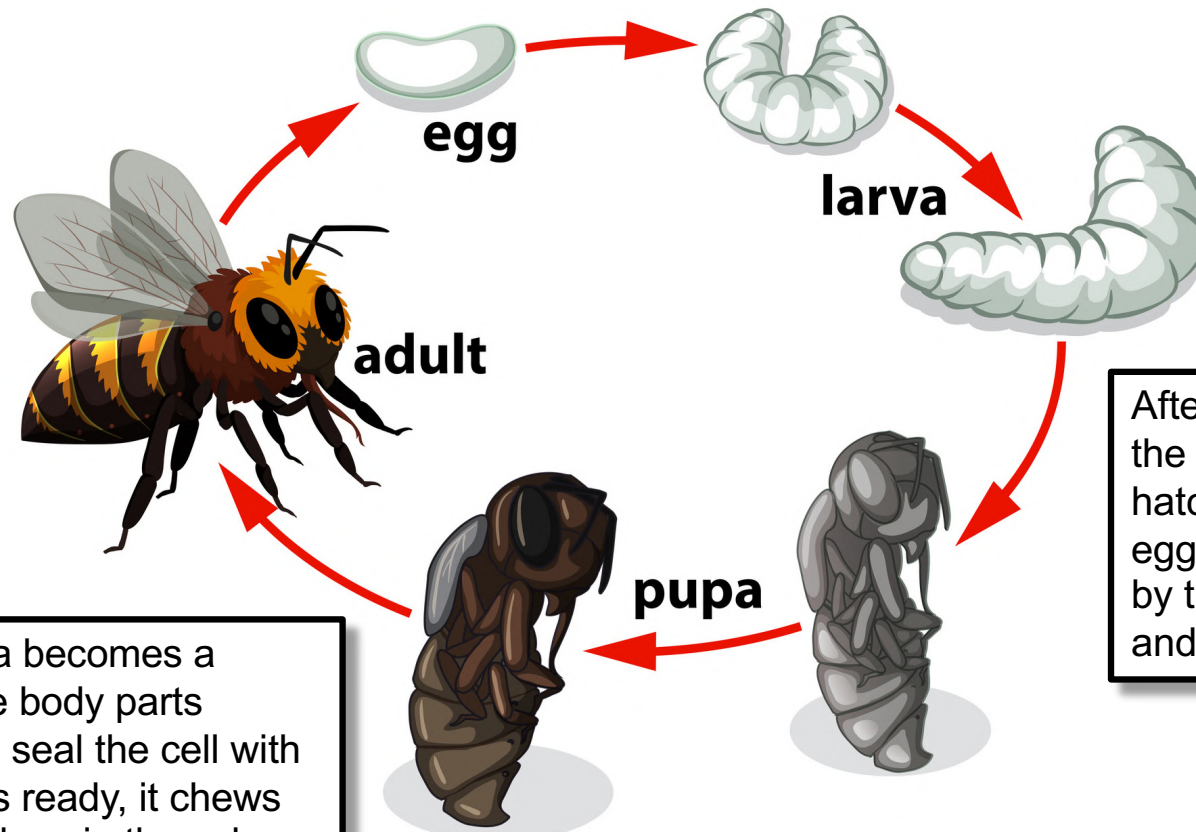
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Life Cycle of a Bee

The roles of honey bees are highly specialised. Each colony has only one queen, a large female who lays all the eggs for the colony.

Queens are the longest-living bees, and can live for five or six years. The queen lays thousands of eggs every day in the spring and summer.



In the next stage, the larva becomes a pupa. During this time, the body parts develop. The worker bees seal the cell with beeswax. When the bee is ready, it chews its way out and takes its place in the colony.

After three days in the cell, a larva hatches out of the egg. Larvae are fed by the worker bees and grow rapidly.