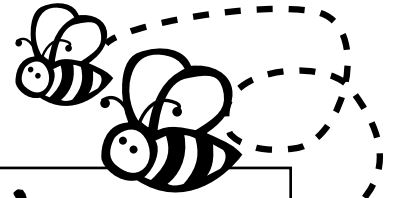


What's all the BUZZZZzzzz?

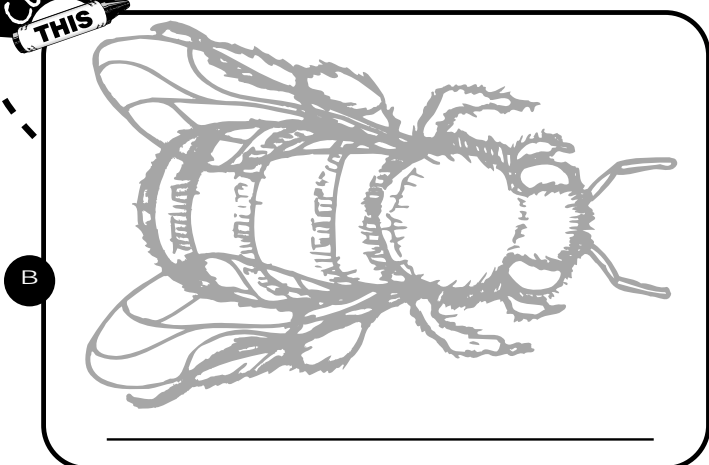
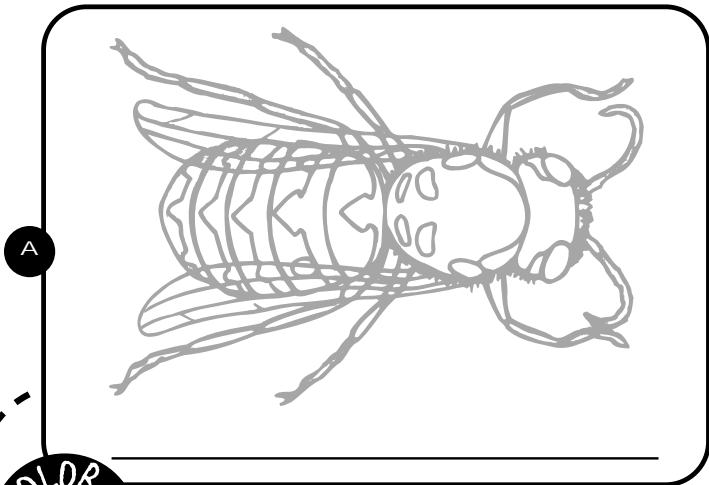
Honeybees and wasps sting to defend themselves, NOT to attack. For bees and wasps, stings are a good way to keep people from bugging them. Bee stings hurt. They can even be deadly if someone is allergic.



Did You know?

- Honeybees collect pollen and carry it in a basket of stiff hairs on each hind-leg. When they rest, their wings are flat.
- Paper wasps do not have "pollen baskets" and do not collect pollen. When they rest, their wings are folded back and look narrower than a bee's wings.

Which is which? Label and color the wasp and the honeybee. Circle the pollen baskets on the honeybee.



Tips

Prevent Stings!

Try not to attract bees. If they come around, **don't frighten them.** Check what you do in areas with bees:

- Avoid using scented products. This means hair spray, scented soaps, perfume, and lotions.
- Avoid brightly colored clothes, especially flowered patterns.
- Keep food and soda cans covered.
- Wear hats, shoes, and long pants.
- If a bee comes around, hold very still.
- If a bee lands on you, don't swat at it. Don't panic! Just blow at it gently. It will move.

First Aid

If you get stung, have an adult remove the stinger as soon as possible.

- Wash the sting with soap and water.
- Put ice or cool water on it for 10 to 30 minutes.
- To ease the pain and itching, try putting one of these on the sting: toothpaste, onion slices, alcohol wipes, a paste made of baking soda and water or meat tenderizer and water.

Q. What goes zzzzz, zzzzz, zzzzz?
A. A bee flying backwards.

Tip for Grown-ups:
If you know that a family member is allergic to bee stings, keep a bee sting kit handy at home and in the car.

Without pollinators, we wouldn't have agriculture!

