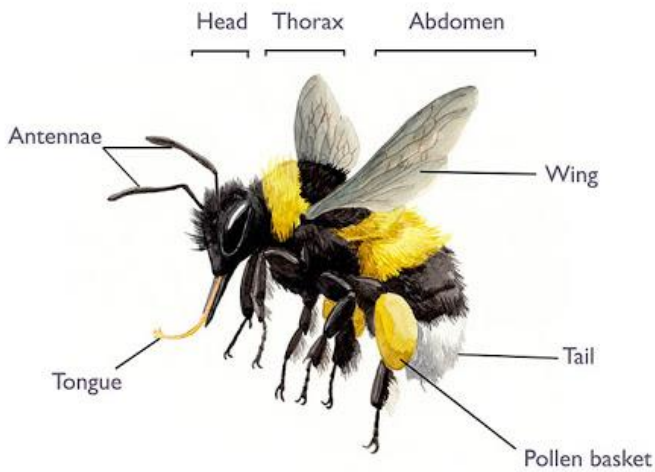


Bumblebees are small black and white insects that can fly. You often see them near flowers. Bees can make honey.



Not all bees are the same and there are 24 types of bees that live in the UK, one of which is called the bumblebee.

You will see bees fly around in summer. But why don't we see them in winter? Well, all bumblebees apart from the Queen (who is in charge) dies at the end of summer. In winter, it is too cold for the Queen bee so she goes into hibernation and sleeps through the cold. She sleeps underground in little cracks and holes.

Bees do not like to be cold. To keep warm they have hairs on their body and this stops them from getting cold.

Next time you go out on your walk, see if you can find some bees. If you find a group of them, they are called a colony.

