



# BEES AND HONEY

## Fast facts quiz answers

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Below are the answers to each of the 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' provided on a separate sheet.

1. The main job of the queen bee is to lay eggs so there are always new bees to keep the hive alive.
2. The main job of drone bees is to mate with the queen bee.
3. One hive of bees can have up to 80,000 bees.
4. Worker bees only live for about 42 – 45 days.
5. Around 35% of crops grown in Australia need bees for pollination.
6. Bees can beat their wings around 200 times per second.
7. On average, a hive of bees can produce up to 27kg of honey.
8. Around 4,000 tonnes of Australian honey is exported overseas every year.
9. If kept in an airtight container, it is said that honey will not go off.
10. You can tell whether a jar of honey is Australian by reading the label.
11. A bee's buzzing noise is made when it flaps its wings rapidly.
12. Drone bees are referred to as 'lazy' because they even hold their tongues out for worker bees to put food on it.
13. A worker bee can carry a huge 70 milligrams of nectar on its body.
14. Honey has reportedly been found in Egyptian tombs, dating back thousands of years.
15. Beekeepers leave plenty of honey behind in the hive to feed young bees and all members of the hive during winter.