LIFE CYCLE: BUMBLEBES





WINTER

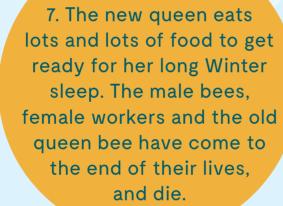
8. The new queen then goes into hibernation until the next Spring.

1. The queen bee wakes up from hibernation. She has to sleep in Winter because it's too cold and because plants don't flower so there isn't any food to eat.





2. She has a big feed on the flowers close by and finds a good place for a nest.







3. She makes a pollen loaf (food for the babies) and a nectar pot (snack for herself) and then starts laying eggs.



6. These new queens and male bees leave the nest

to go out and

find new mates.

5. In mid-late Summer the queen lays more eggs, some will grow into male bees and some into new queen bees.

4. These eggs grow into female worker bees and they take over looking after the nest. Their main job is to collect the pollen and bring it back to feed all the growing larvae (babies).







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