



Activity: Learn the names of the different parts of the honey bee and how to write them.

Purpose: To help the child learn the individual names of the parts of the bee and how to read and write them.

Recommended age: 5+

Instructions:

- 1. Sit with your child, and look at each of the "Parts of the Bee" cards one-by-one. Ask if they know the name of each one and roughly what it does. Set aside the parts that they aren't sure about.
- 2. Choose two to four of the parts your child wasn't sure about. Look at them one-by-one, giving your child its name and a brief description.
- 3. Play a guessing game with the parts of the bee you just looked at. Lay them out in front of the child and ask, "Can you show me the wings? Now show me the thorax." etc. Repeat this game a few times, rearranging the pictures each time.
- 4. If your child is having success with step #2, look at the parts one at a time and ask the child to identify each one. If your child is reading, they can then match the reading labels to each part.





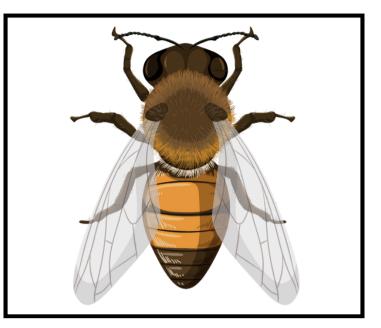
Instructions (continued):

Optional: 5. Encourage your child to draw their own version of each part of the bee! If they are writing, they can write the names of each one, too. These could be collected in a book or on a poster.

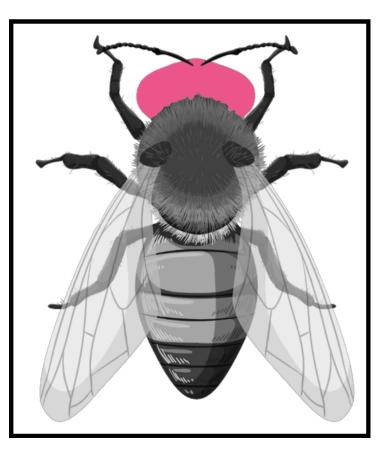








honey bee





head

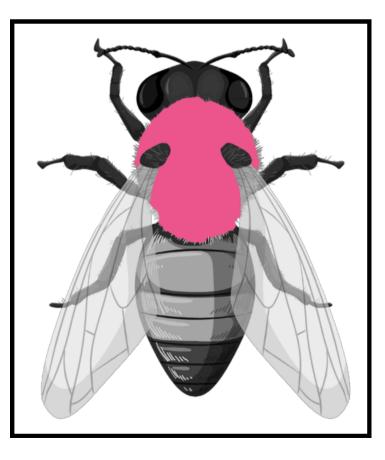


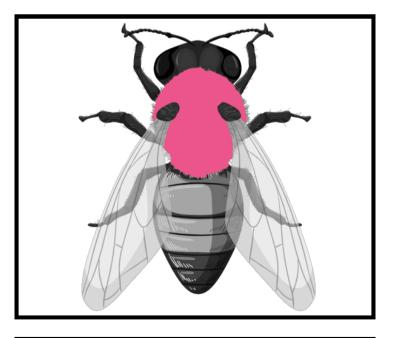






antennae





thorax

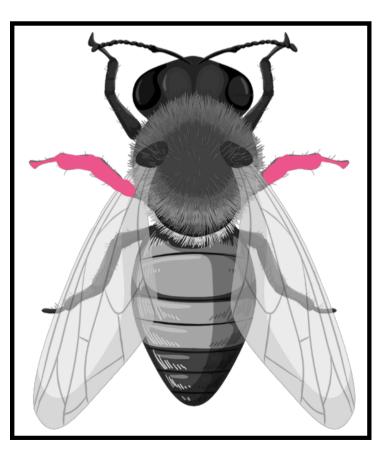


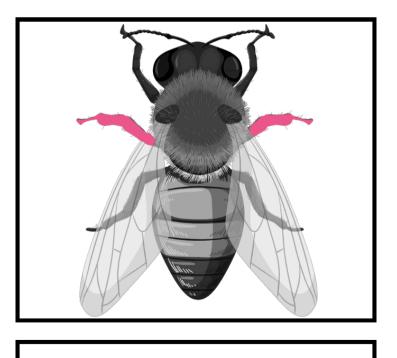






foreleg

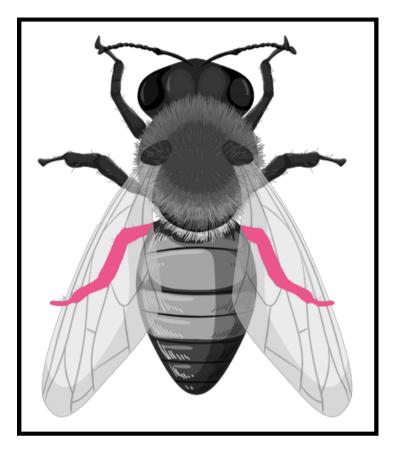


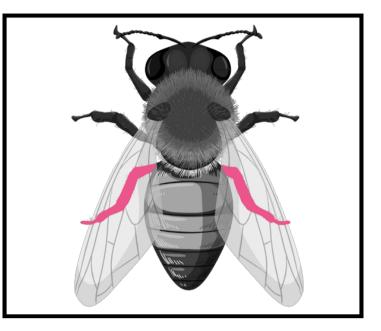


middle leg

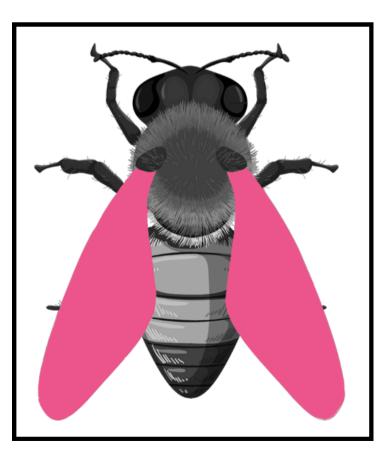


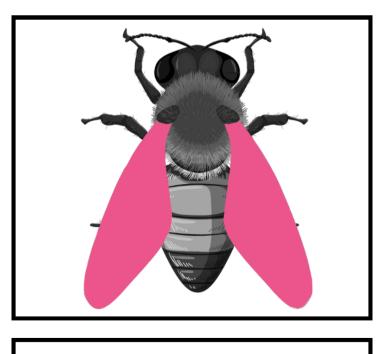






hindleg

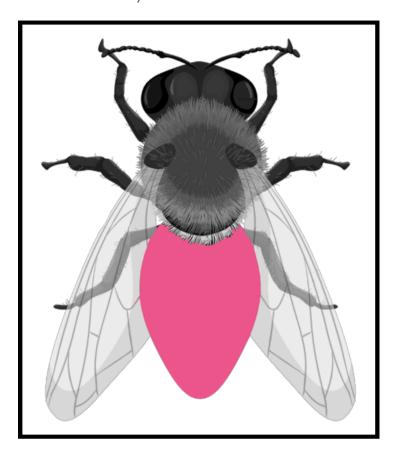


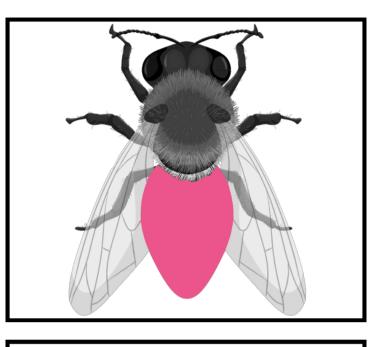


wings



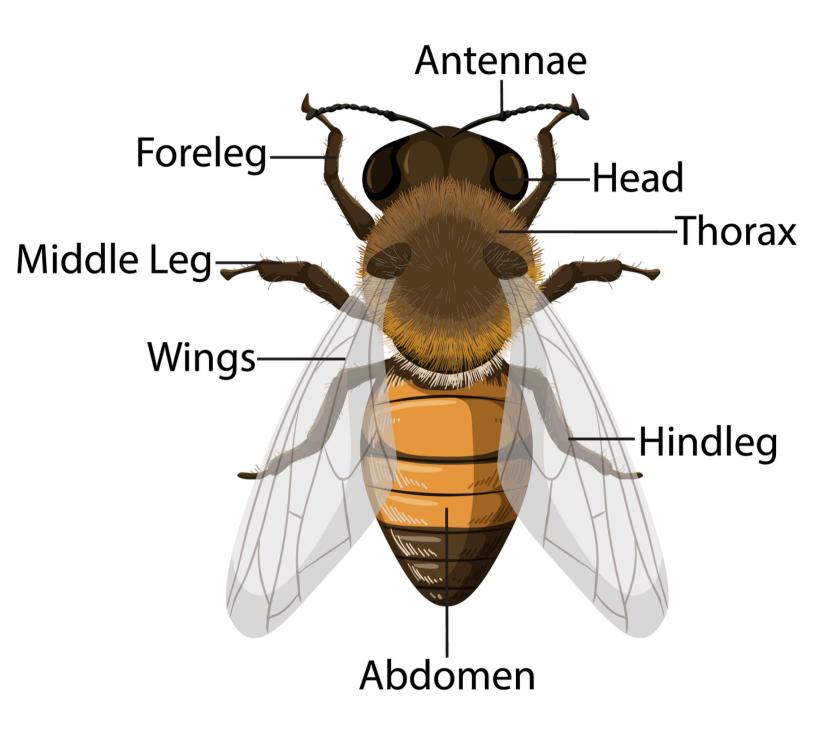






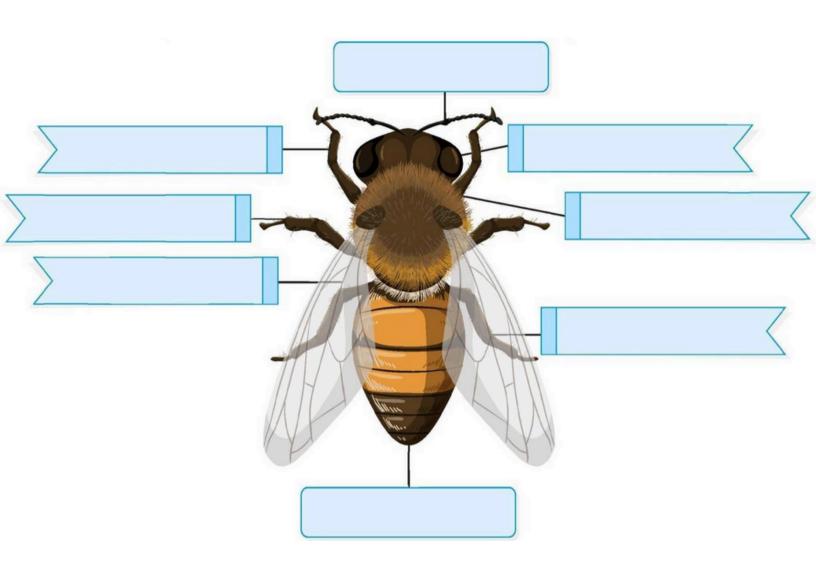
abdomen





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List of honey bee parts:

- abdomen •
- wings
- hindlegs •
- forelegsmiddle legs
- thorax •
- head
- antennae