

Wasps and Bees

Scavenger Hunt

and Identification Activity



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Directions for the Wasps and Bees Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt introduces students to information and fun facts about Wasps and Bees.

1. Print the Wasps and Bees Scavenger Hunt cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.
2. Make copies of the Wasps and Bees Scavenger Hunt questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student needs a copy.
3. Place the Wasps and Bees Scavenger Hunt cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the back of your classroom door, on the sides of student desks, on the chalkboard, or wherever you like.
4. Students have to search the room and find all of the sentence cards to answer the questions. You can differentiate by having students work alone or with a classmate.

With the Scavenger Hunt game I have the students complete it as part of a rotation during reading groups. I only have 4 or 5 students walking around with clipboards to locate the sentence cards and write their answers. Students needing extra support can be paired with a partner for this activity. I have also done similar activities with the whole class or as a filler for early finishers, especially if you made the cards a little bit tricky to find. My students enjoy this activity.

Print this cover page to help organize your scavenger hunts.

The Wasps and Bees
Scavenger Hunt student pages
are stored

The answer key is stored

Card 1

Bees' bodies are long and fat. They have dangling legs and two pairs of wings.

Wasps' bodies are long and thin. They have dangling legs and two pairs of wings.



Card 2

Bees' legs are flat and wide, while wasps' legs are round and waxy.



Card 3

Bees have hairier bodies and legs than wasps. Wasps have smoother bodies and legs.



Card 4

The thorax and abdomen of a bee are round. The thorax and abdomen of a wasp are shaped more like a cylinder.



Card 5

Bees are social insects. Thousands of bees can live in one hive. Wasps can be either social or solitary insects.



Card 6

Wasps create papery nests. Bees build hives of beeswax in geometric shapes.



Card 7

Wasps are predators. They survive by eating other insects. Wasps are also sometimes attracted to nectar and the sweet sugary smells of human foods.

Bees are pollinators. While they are drinking nectar from Flowers, pollen covers their feet and bodies and is carried from flower to flower.



Card 8

Wasps are more aggressive than bees. They can sting multiple targets. Bees are much less aggressive. A honey bee dies after stinging someone.



Name _____

Wasps and Bees Scavenger Hunt



Card 1: How are wasp and bee bodies different?

Card 2: Which insect has wide, flat legs?

Card 3: Which insect is hairier?

Card 4: What shape is a wasp's abdomen?

Card 5: Are wasps social insects?

Card 6: What are wasps' nests like?

Card 7: How is a wasp helpful?

Card 8: Which is more aggressive?

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ANSWER KEY

Card 1: How are wasp and bee bodies different?

__wasp – thin bee – fat _____

Card 2: Which insect has wide, flat legs?

__bee _____

Card 3: Which insect is hairier?

__bee _____

Card 4: What shape is a wasp's abdomen?

__cylinder _____

Card 5: Are wasps social insects?

__some are, some aren't _____

Card 6: What are wasps' nests like?

__papery _____

Card 7: How is a wasp helpful?

__It eats insects. _____

Card 8: Which is more aggressive?

__wasp _____

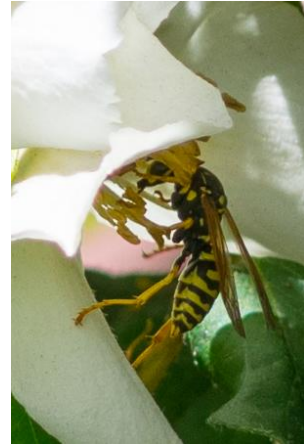
CARD

A



CARD

B



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D



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E



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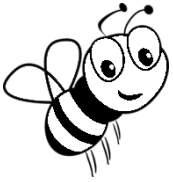


CARD

H



Name _____



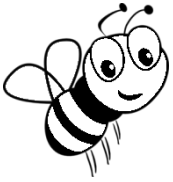
Wasp or Bee?

Show what you know!

CARD	Wasp or Bee	Reasons
Card A		
Card B		
Card C		
Card D		
Card E		
Card F		
Card G		
Card H		

Name _____

ANSWER KEY

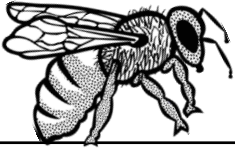


Wasp or Bee?

Show what you know!

CARD	Wasp or Bee	Reasons
Card A	Bee	Fat body
Card B	Wasp	Thin cylindrical body, round legs
Card C	Bee	Fat, hairy body, wide legs
Card D	Wasp	Thin, smooth, cylindrical body, round legs
Card E	Bee	Wax, geometric shape
Card F	Wasp	Papery nest
Card G	Wasp	Thin, smooth, cylindrical body, round legs
Card H	Bee	Fat body, flat legs

Wasps or Bees Compare and Contrast Matrix

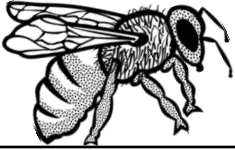


	Wasps	Bees
Life Cycle		
Food		
Legs		
Skin		
Environment		

Name _____

Wasps or Bees Compare and Contrast Matrix

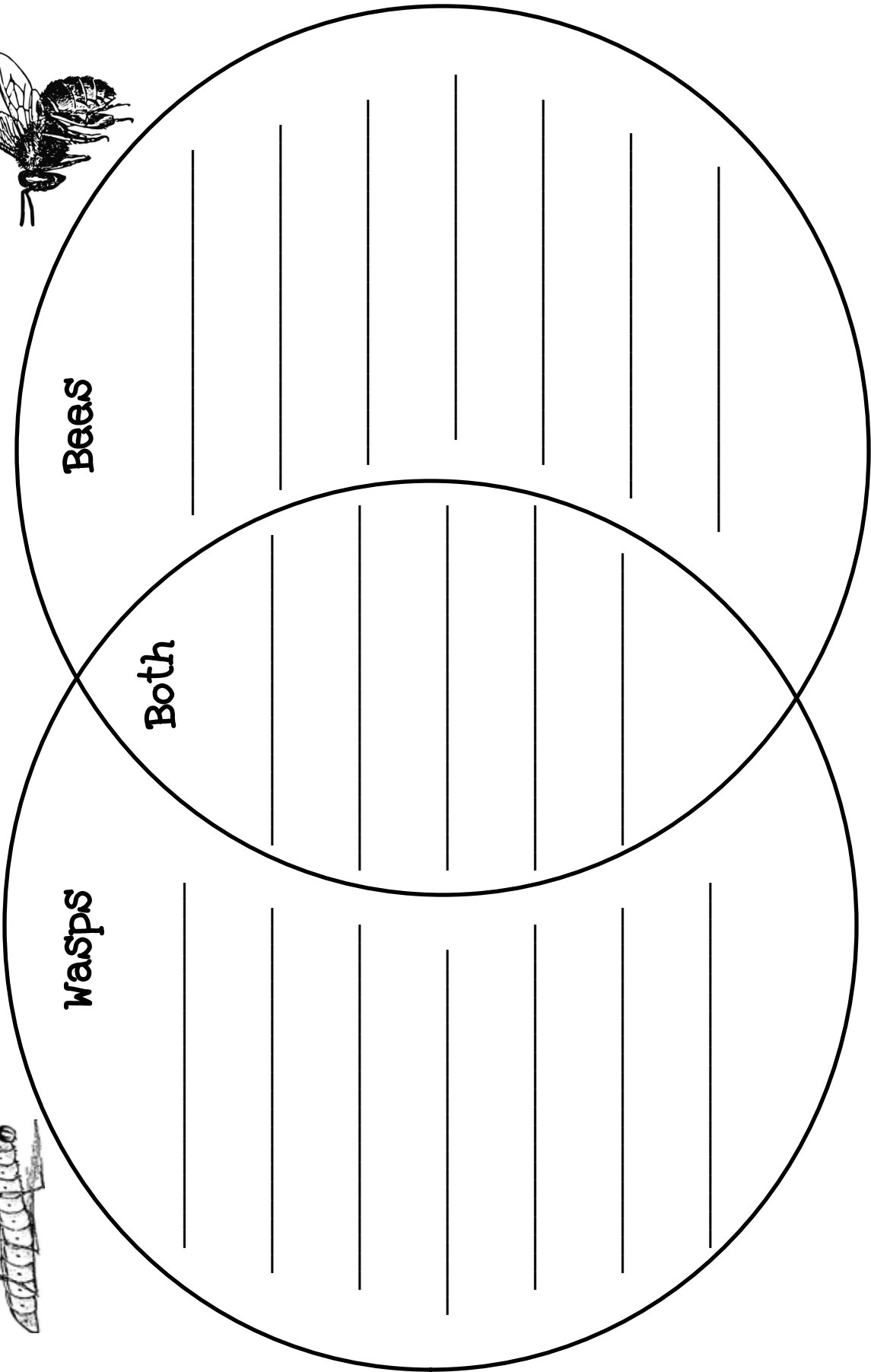
Choose seven categories for comparing frogs and toads (for example, skin, eyes, environment, etc.). Write them in the first column. Add facts about how frogs and toads fit those categories under the Wasps and Bees columns.



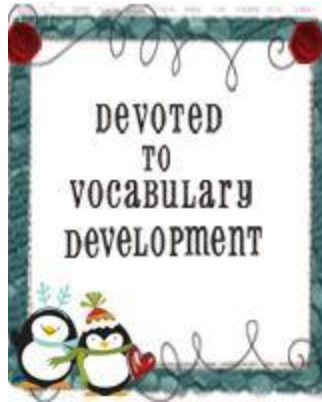
	Wasp	Bee

Name _____

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