The Busy Honeybee

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Read the passage. Answer each question in a complete sentence.

Honeybees live together in a big family called a **colony**. One hive can hold tens of thousands of bees! Each colony has one queen. Her job is to lay eggs. The worker bees are all female, and they do almost everything else: they clean the hive, feed the babies, guard the door and collect food.

Worker bees visit flowers to drink a sweet juice called **nectar**. Back at the hive, they turn the nectar into honey. Bees make wax from their own bodies and shape it into six-sided cells to store honey.

When a bee finds a great patch of flowers, it does a special **waggle dance**. The dance tells the other bees which way to fly and how far to go. Here is another surprise: a honeybee has five eyes!

Questions

1. **What is a colony?**

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2. **What is the queen bee's job?**

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3. **What do bees make honey from?**

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4. **Why do bees do the waggle dance?**

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