

### 13: WHAT IS A SOLITARY BEE?



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Solitary bees are bees that live alone and not in a hive or nest like honeybees or bumblebees.

They take a whole year to grow into an adult bee.

This means they don't have time to look after their babies when they are born.

Mum leaves a supply of food and the young bees need to look after themselves.

Solitary bees come out of hibernation when they know their favourite types of flowers will be there for them.

#### FILL IN THE GAPS

- Solitary bees live \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and not in a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ or nest.
- It takes a whole \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for a solitary bee to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ into an \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ bee.
- The Solitary bee mum \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a supply of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ bees.
- Solitary bees come out of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ when they know their favourite \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of flowers are in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

#### Key Words

hive    alone    year    grow    types    bloom  
adult    leaves    food    young    hibernation