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1. **энт.** пчела (*Apis mellifera*)

- female /queen/ bee - пчелиная матка
- working bee - пчела-работница
- bee escape - **с.-х.** уход роя (из улья)
- bee pasture [plants] - медоносная площадь [-ые растения]
- bee veil - покрывало или сетка от пчёл
- bee venom - пчелиный яд
- bees transferring - перегон пчёл (в новый улей)

2. **амер.**

- 1) **помощь соседям; совместная работа или развлечения**
spinning [husking, quilting] bee - помощь соседям в прядении [лущении кукурузы, стёжке одеял]
- 2) **неодобр. действия скопом**
hanging [lynching] bee - толпа вешателей [линчевателей]
- 3) **конкурс**
spelling bee - школьный конкурс на знание орфографии
◇ the bee's knees - **сл.** величина, шишка (о человеке); уникам
busy as a bee - очень занятой, трудолюбивый; ≅ работяга
a bee in one's bonnet /head/ - а) причуда; помешательство (на чём-л.); ≅ не все дома; б) тайный умысел
to have bees in the head - быть фантазёром чудаком; тронуться
to put the bee on smb. - **амер. сл.** просить денег взаймы, выпрашивать что-л у кого-л.

bee

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bee [bee bees] *BrE* [bi:][Ⓜ] *NAmE* [bi:][Ⓜ] **noun**

1. a black and yellow flying insect that can sting. **Bees** live in large groups and make **↑honey** (= a sweet sticky substance that is good to eat)
 - a swarm of bees
 - a bee sting
 - Bees were buzzing in the clover.**see also** ↑beehive ↑beeswax, ↑bumblebee, ↑queen bee
 2. (*NAmE*) a meeting in a group where people combine work, competition and pleasure
 - a sewing bee**see also** ↑spelling bee
- more at** the birds and the bees **at** ↑bird, busy as a bee **at** ↑busy *adj.*
- Idioms ↑bee's knees ▪ ↑have a bee in your bonnet

Word Origin:

Old English bēo, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **bij** and German dialect **Beie**.

Example Bank:

- Butterflies, flies, and bees pollinate flowers.
- He was stung by thousands of angry bees.
- Lavender attracts bees.
- The bees swarmed around the hive.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: beo]



1. a black and yellow flying insect that makes **↑honey** and can sting you:
 - a swarm of bees
 - a bee sting ⇒ ↑bumblebee
2. **have a bee in your bonnet (about something)** *informal* to think something is so important, so necessary etc that you keep mentioning it or thinking about it:
 - Dad's got a bee in his bonnet about saving electricity.
3. **sewing/quilting etc bee** *American English informal* an occasion when people, usually women, meet in order to do a particular

type of work

4. **a busy bee** *spoken* someone who enjoys being busy or active

5. **be the bee's knees** *spoken old-fashioned* to be very good:

" She thought the party was just the bee's knees.

⇒ ↑spelling bee, ⇒ the birds and the bees at ↑bird(3)

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