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When bees fly they beat their wings 200 times per second!

Bees dance to communicate with each other.

When a bee finds a good source of nectar she flies back to the hive to tell the other bees. She tells them where to go by wagging her bottom and doing a dance called the waggle dance, which acts as a map ([see our video playlist](#) or check the links below.)

Scientists have taught bees to play with tiny footballs and the bees not only learn very quickly, they teach other bees how to play. Proving that bees are great team players!

Bees can help fight crime! Bees have such a good sense of smell they can detect dangerous

substances like explosives and drugs.

A bee can visit 50-100 flowers on each foraging trip.

Approximately 10 million foraging trips go into making one jar of honey, a distance of up to 50,000 miles – which is equivalent to travelling twice around the globe!

Honey lasts forever if kept sealed. Honey found in Tutenkhamen's tomb in Egypt was still edible after 3,000 years.

In Ancient Greece bees were believed to be messengers of the Gods, tunneling not into underground nests but to the underworld!

The practice of beekeeping dates back at least 4,500 years.

The oldest bee fossils that have been found are approximately 100 million years old which means bees and dinosaurs lived together for at least 35 million years.

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Make your own fascinating bee facts poster by researching bees and picking our your favorite facts. The following links will help.

BBC Science Focus Magazine

[5 fascinating facts about bees](#)

[How does the honeybee's body work?](#)

[Footballing bees are expert problem solvers](#)

[Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#)

The British Beekeepers Association

[Bee Facts](#)

The Wildlife Trusts

[How to attract bumblebees to your garden](#)

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[Bumblebees](#)

[Building for Bees](#)

[Creating Pollinator Homes](#)

Friends of the earth

[14 facts you need to know about bees](#)

Woodland Trust

[Why Are Bees Important? And How You Can Help Them](#)

[Types of Bee in the UK](#)

[Where Do Bees Go in Winter?](#)

Video Resources

[The Waggle Dance of the Honeybee](#)

[Honey bee waggle dancing](#)

[Why are bees important?](#)

[Honey Bees Make Honey ... and Bread? | Deep Look](#)

[The beauty of pollination](#)

[This Vibrating Bumblebee Unlocks a Flower's Hidden Treasure](#)