

Yellowjackets

Coloring and Activity Book



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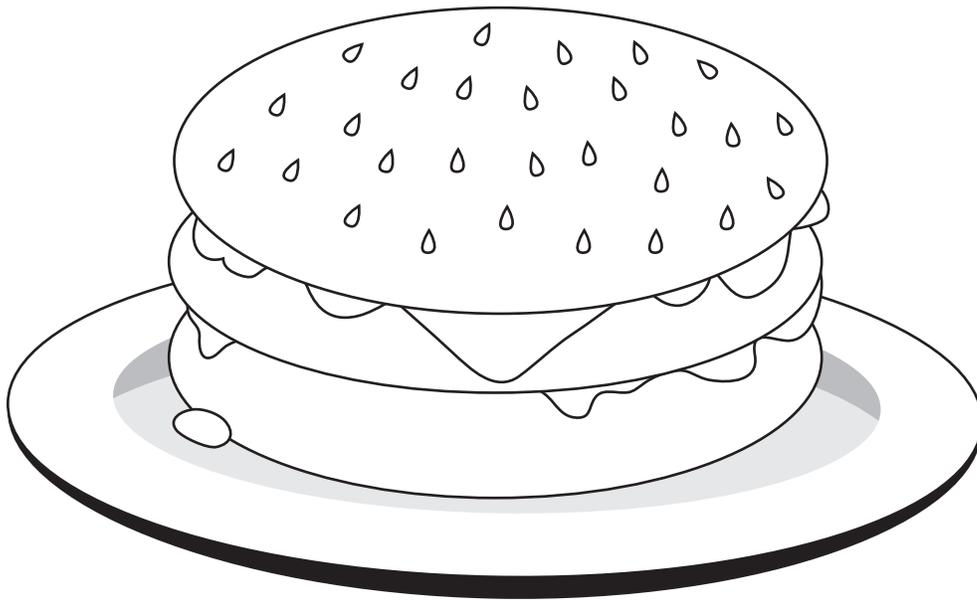


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Please help your student/child with this activity book. There are simple concepts to discuss and activities on each page.



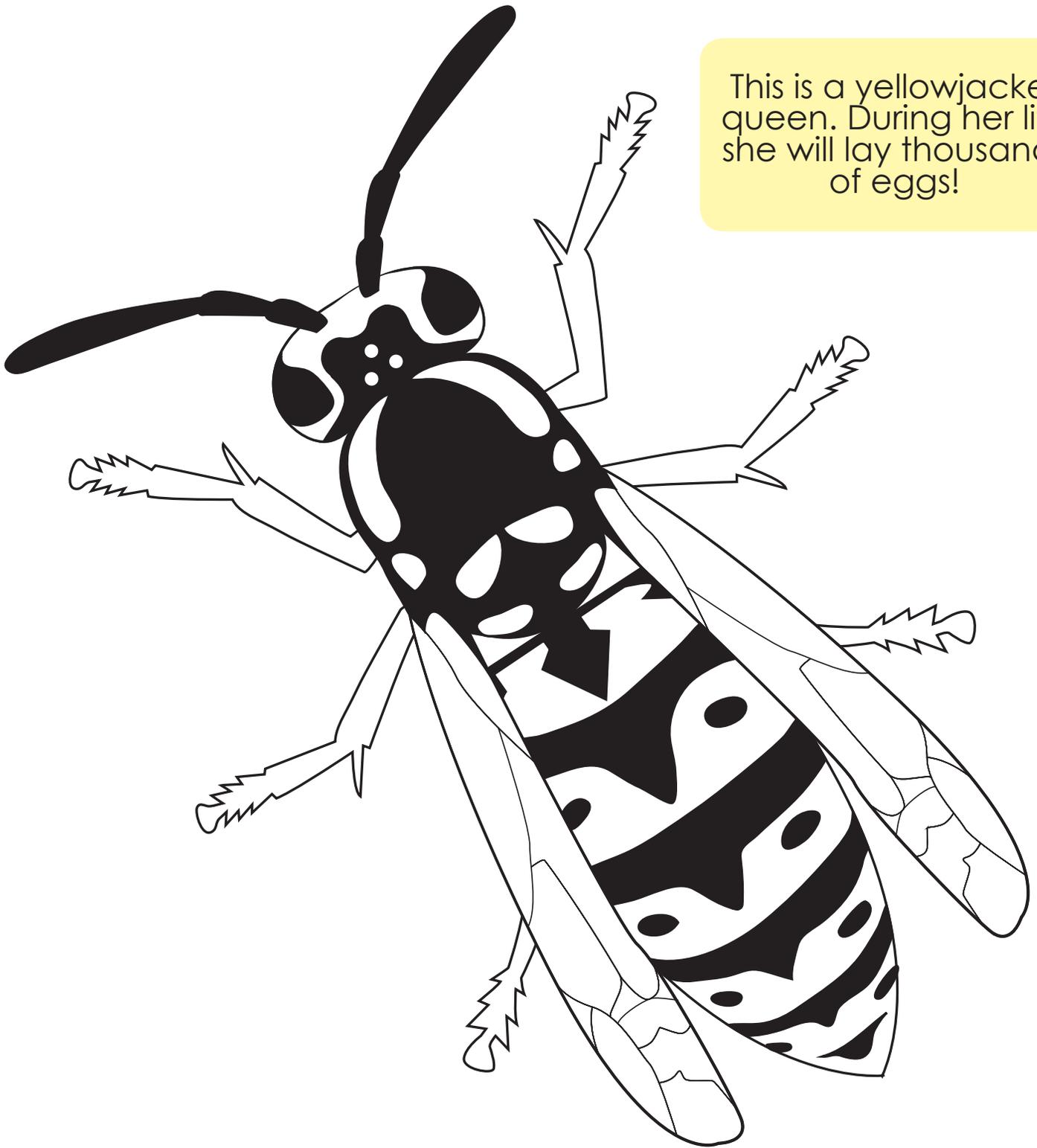
Yellowjackets bring back little bits of meat to the babies (larvae) that are growing in the nest.



Sweet drinks like soda give yellowjackets energy to fly.

Yellowjackets and people don't usually get along very well. Yellowjackets gather food that people were planning to eat, and often make nests hidden underground. If you get too close to a nest, they will sting!

Add color to these pages



This is a yellowjacket queen. During her life she will lay thousands of eggs!

Yellowjackets have bright colors to help warn other animals that they are dangerous. For example, many birds eat insects, but they learn very quickly not to hunt for yellowjackets!



Gathering wood to
make the nest bigger



Bringing food back
for the babies
(larvae)



Collecting water to
cool the nest

Busy Yellowjackets!

Yellowjacket workers do many jobs to help the queen (she is at the bottom of the nest). Ask your child to try to figure out what each yellowjacket is doing, then have them draw a picture of a yellowjacket in the space below.

Guarding the nest entrance

Sipping nectar

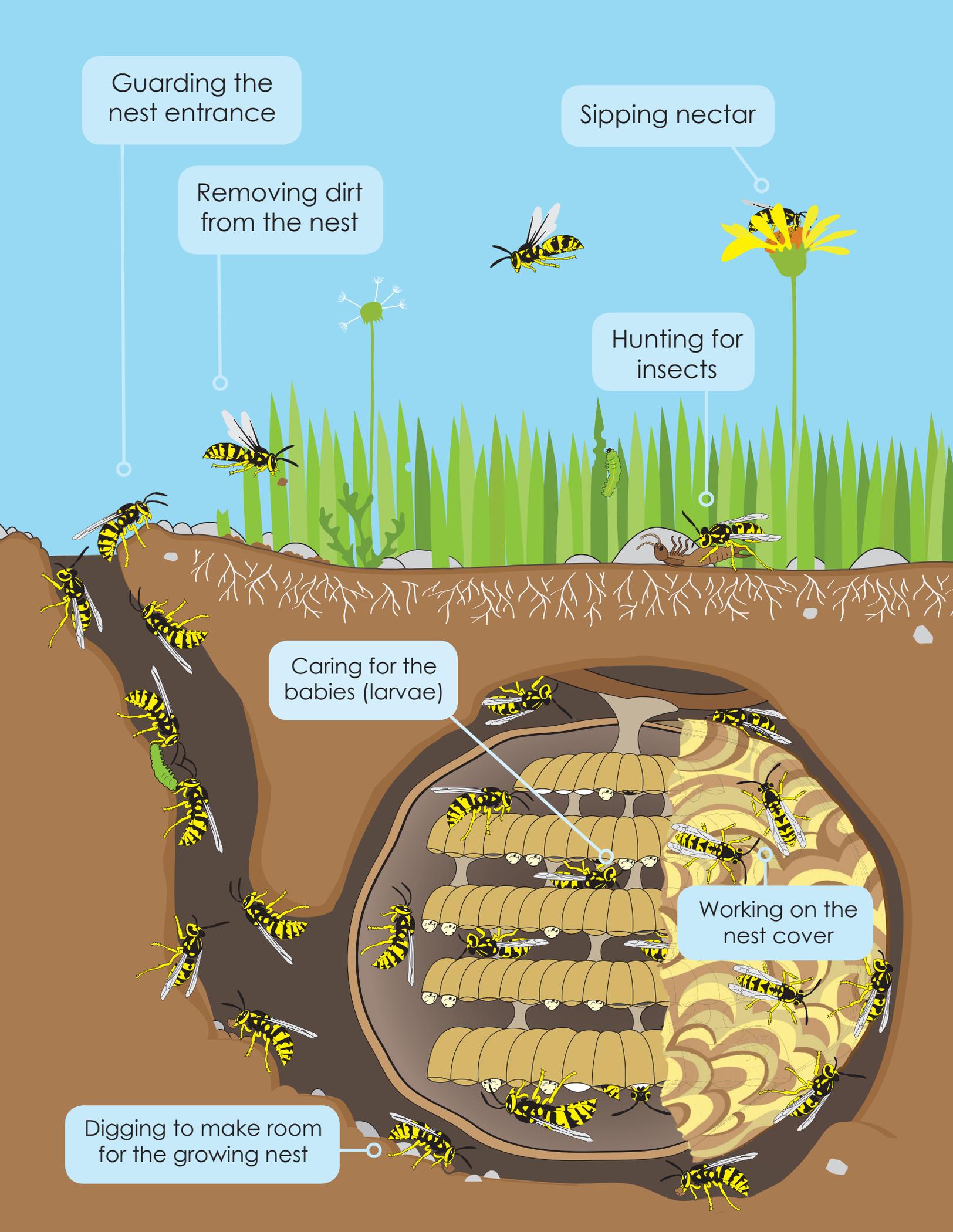
Removing dirt from the nest

Hunting for insects

Caring for the babies (larvae)

Working on the nest cover

Digging to make room for the growing nest

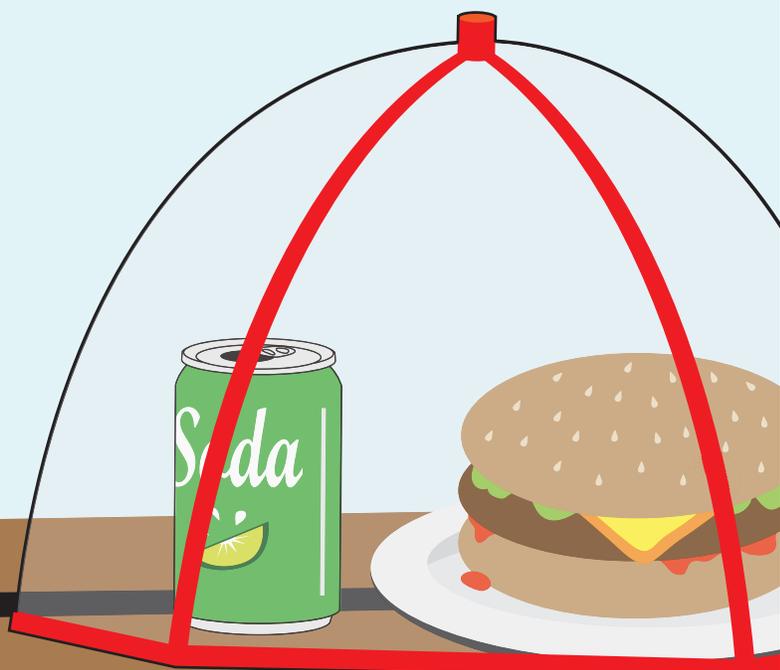


Oh no! Yellowjackets are ruining this outdoor party! How many yellowjackets can you find?





Phew! Many of the yellowjackets have left the party. What have people done to make it safer from yellowjackets?
(Answers on back cover).



Dear Parents,

Many people fear yellowjackets and other stinging insects. This program teaches students why yellowjackets behave the way they do, how they differ from honey bees, what to do if they find an entrance to a yellowjacket nest, and safety tips for eating outdoors.

Yellowjackets can be extremely problematic in Marin and Sonoma counties, especially during the warmer months. The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District will eliminate ground nests (free of charge) when the location of the nest is known.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our programs.

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Answers

- The trash has been picked up off the ground.
- The trash can has been moved away from the table and the lid is on tight.
- There is a cover over the food and drink.
- The yellowjacket trap has been moved from over the table. Traps should not be placed directly over eating areas, but can be used to distract yellowjackets away from eating areas.



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