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 - a. the largest bee in a hive
 - b. an especially hardworking bee
 - c. an early stage in the development of a bee
 - d. the only bee in the hive that collects pollen

2. The paragraph suggests that the queen bee...
 - a. lives longer than other bees
 - b. never leaves the hive
 - c. needs special food
 - d. makes honey for the hive

3. The passage suggests that...
 - a. a new queen is larger than an old queen
 - b. bees build their hives near flowers
 - c. only one queen rules each hive
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