

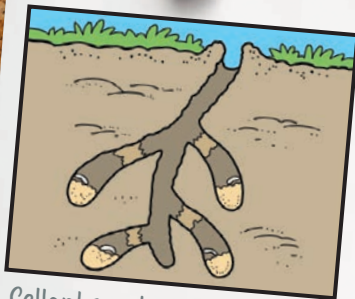
# Wild Bees' Nests

## What do bees use to make their nests?

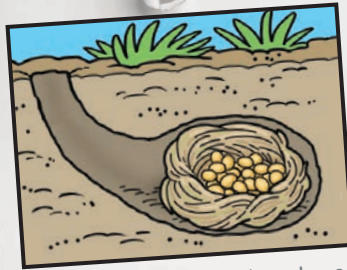
You might know about bees' nests made from wax. But did you know that most species don't even make wax? Most bees make their nests in the soil building tunnels. Others build their nests in plant stems using leaves, flower petals, mud, stones and plant resin to protect their young from predators and parasites!



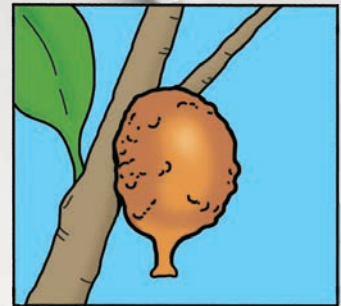
🌸 If you were a wild bee, which nest would you most want to live in? Why?



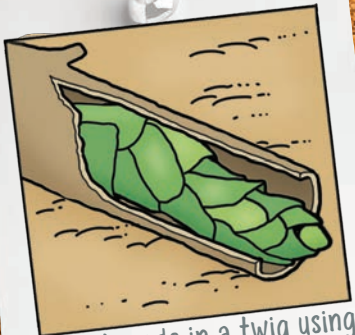
Cellophane bee nest carved out of soil.



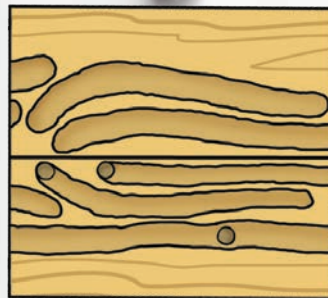
A nest made in an abandoned mouse nest using left over materials like fur.



A nest made of resin and pebbles—built by resin bees



A nest made in a twig using leaves cut by leafcutter bees



Nests made in wood—carved out by carpenter bees



Nests made in the soil—dug out by mining bees

## Design a wild bee home

1. What type of bee might have built your nest? Why?
2. Explain where the nest would be placed so the bees in it can thrive?
3. Thinking of the bee you listed in #1, what plants might be growing near the house? Why?