

Mini Lesson

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1	The life cycle of the honey bee is a changing series of events.	is	changing
2	The queen bees are laying up to 2,000 eggs per day during the spring.		
3	Eggs are hatching in the comb by the third day.		
4	Next, the eggs are changing into larva.		
5	After several moltings, the larva is feeding on bee milk and bee bread.		
6	The larva stage is taking place through the fourth to ninth day of its life cycle.		
7	Spinning a cocoon around itself, the larva is transforming into a pupa.		
8	The pupa stage is during the tenth to twenty-third day of the cycle.		
9	The bee is becoming an adult during the sixteenth to twenty-fourth day.		
10	The adult bee is chewing its way out of the cell to begin working in the hive.		

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9	The bee <b>is</b> <b>becoming</b> an adult during the sixteenth to twenty-fourth day.	is	becoming
10	The adult bee <b>is</b> <b>chewing</b> its way out of the cell to begin working in the hive.	is	chewing