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Bee Babies: How Bees Reproduce

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. It's important for the queen to lay many eggs daily because it keeps the colony strong and replaces bees that die.
2. Teamwork ensures that larvae are fed and cared for, which helps them grow into healthy adult bees that support the colony.
3. If the queen bee could no longer lay eggs, the hive would eventually shrink and die because no new bees would replace the older ones.
4. Drones leave the hive after becoming adults to find and mate with queens from other colonies, which helps spread genetic diversity.

