Identify

Wasps spend all summer long collecting greenflies, blackflies and white flies to feed their young.

Above are drawings of a wasp, a bumble bee and a honey bee. Can you tell which is which?

A __________________ has the fattest body.

All three have ___________ wings.

A ______________ has no waist.

A ______________ has yellow and black eyes.

Both types of __________ are hairy.

A _______________ has a shiny body.

A __________ has a horizontal stripe on its thorax (middle part of its body).

A ___________ has large stripes all down its body.

Label each of the three drawings above.

Mimicry

Insects with yellow and black stripes are not eaten by birds. This is because birds think all these insects have stings but actually only bees and wasps have. Other insects look like wasps and so avoid being eaten. This is called mimicry.

Look up pictures of the following insects: Hoverfly, Woodwasp, Bee Hawk Moth.

Which one is the best mimic? __________________________________________________________