

What is pollen?

Pollen is the yellow, white, or brown powder at the center of most flowers. Pollen is an important food for bees and some other animals.

The bee on the left is covered in pollen. Bees collect pollen in pollen sacs.



An important part of flowers

Pollen is a very important part of many flowers. It is the part of a flower that plants need to make fruit, seeds, and new plants. To make new plants, pollen has to move from one flower part to another of the same kind of flower. Most flowers need **pollinators** to move their pollen. Pollinators are animals such as bees, wasps, butterflies, and other small animals that visit flowers.



This beetle has pollen all over its body. When it goes to another flower of the same kind, it will leave pollen on that flower. The flower will then be able to make seeds.