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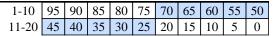


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	C. Dogs, cats, and horses count on mayflies as a tasty meal	D.	Lions, tigers, and bears count on mayflies as a tasty meal
3)	Where in the world can you find mayflies?		
	A. all over the world	В.	only in America
	C. only in Africa	D.	only in Europe
4)	Who uses artificial flies that look like mayflie	es?	
	A. Photographers use artificial flies that look like mayflies to take pictures	B.	Gardeners use artificial flies that look like mayflies to attract bees
	C. Fishermen use artificial flies that look like mayflies to attract fish	D.	Bird watchers use artificial flies that look like mayflies to attract birds
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	A. a few hours	B.	a few weeks
	C. a few days	D.	a few months
9)	Are mayflies nocturnal?		
,	A. Mayflies are active both during the day and the night	B.	No, mayflies are not nocturnal insects
	C. The paragraph doesn't provide any information about whether mayflies are nocturnal or not	D.	Yes, mayflies are nocturnal insects



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<b>10</b> ) What do young mayflies eat?			
A. algae and dead plants	B. tree bark a	and tree seeds	
C. fresh fruits and vegetable	s D. they do no	ot eat anything	

## Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).

- 11) "As a mayfly, I find the oceans as the perfect habitat."
- 12) "As a mayfly I live up to 5 years."
- 13) "My diet helps to keep the water where I live clean."
- 14) "Us mayflies do not have any tails."
- **15**) "I contribute to polluting water bodies."
- 16) "I as a mayfly, love to roam around the desert."
- 17) "I love clean water bodies. If it's clean, it means home to me!"
- 18) "When I was young, I used to eat algae, dead plants, and even tiny water creatures!"
- **19**) "I have a long slender body with two sets of wings."
- 20) I am one of the largest insects, almost half a ruler long!
- 21) "We mayflies are not found in Europe."
- 22) "I am an exclusive species found only in Antarctica."
- 23) "I have two long, thread-like tails."
- 24) "Adult mayflies, like me, prefer to munch on a variety of food."
- 25) "Did you know birds, bats, spiders, and other insects see me as a tasty meal? Well, I can't blame them!"
- **26)** "As an adult, I don't eat anything at all! That's because my adult life is very short, sometimes just a few hours!"
- 27) "I'm not just here in America, you can find my family all over the world! From Africa to Asia, we're everywhere!"
- 28) "Fishermen find us mayflies quite annoying."
- 29) "My body is tiny, only about an inch in length. You really have to look closely to spot me!"
- **30**) "Fishermen use fake bugs that look like me to attract fish. See, I can be useful to humans too!"

### Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- **31**) Mayflies can be seen all around the world.
- 32) Mayflies are quite interesting because they do not eat anything in their adult life.
- **33)** Mayflies live near clean freshwater bodies like rivers and lakes.
- **34)** It is astonishing how mayflies can lead such a short life.
- **35**) Mayflies have two pairs of wings.
- **36)** Mayflies are more helpful than other flying insects as they keep water bodies clean and balanced.

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37)	7) As adults, Mayflies do not need to eat anything.						
38)	Mayflies have a pair of long, thread-like tails.						
<b>39</b> )	Mayflies have the most unique tails compared to other insects.						
<b>40</b> )	Mayflies live in the most beautiful parts of the world.						
Dete	termine if the statement is true or false.						
41)	) Mayflies can be found in Africa, Europe, and Asia.						
42)	Adult mayflies are typically 12 inches in length.						
43)	Mayfly nymphs eat tiny water creatures.						
44)	) Mayflies are normally found around sewers and marshes.						
45)	) Bats and spiders use mayflies as food.						
<b>46</b> )	) Mayflies can be found exclusively in the Americas.						
47)	Mayfly nymphs do not eat anything.						
<b>48</b> )	Adult mayflies live on a diet of dead plants.						
<b>49</b> )	) Mayflies live near clean water bodies like rivers, streams, and lakes.						
50)	Mayflies have two pairs of wings.						
	termine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogativ perative(m).	ve(i) or					
51)	) It's amazing to think that mayflies have been around for over 300 millio	n years!					
52)	Identify the predators of mayflies and how they avoid being eaten.						
53)	) How long do adult mayflies live?						
54)	) Wow, did you know mayflies only live for 24 hours!						

- 55) Adult mayflies can live for just a few hours or up to a couple of days.
- **56)** What do mayflies eat?

- 57) Mayflies are part of the food chain for fish, birds, and other insects.
- 58) What makes mayflies different from other insects?
- **59**) Mayflies help keep the water clean by eating algae.
- **60)** Look closely at a mayfly nymph and notice its small, tube-like gills.
- 61) Whoa, some species of mayflies hatch, mature, mate, and die all within a single day!
- 62) Observe how mayflies use their long tails to help them swim.

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		Mayflies	Name:	Answer Key
10)	What do young mayflies eat?			
	A. algae and dead plants	B. tree bark and tree seeds		
	C. fresh fruits and vegetables	D. they do not eat anything		

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- 11) "As a mayfly, I find the oceans as the perfect habitat."
- 12) "As a mayfly I live up to 5 years."
- 13) "My diet helps to keep the water where I live clean."
- 14) "Us mayflies do not have any tails."
- **15**) "I contribute to polluting water bodies."
- 16) "I as a mayfly, love to roam around the desert."
- 17) "I love clean water bodies. If it's clean, it means home to me!"
- 18) "When I was young, I used to eat algae, dead plants, and even tiny water creatures!"
- **19**) "I have a long slender body with two sets of wings."
- 20) I am one of the largest insects, almost half a ruler long!
- 21) "We mayflies are not found in Europe."
- 22) "I am an exclusive species found only in Antarctica."
- 23) "I have two long, thread-like tails."
- 24) "Adult mayflies, like me, prefer to munch on a variety of food."
- 25) "Did you know birds, bats, spiders, and other insects see me as a tasty meal? Well, I can't blame them!"
- **26)** "As an adult, I don't eat anything at all! That's because my adult life is very short, sometimes just a few hours!"
- 27) "I'm not just here in America, you can find my family all over the world! From Africa to Asia, we're everywhere!"
- 28) "Fishermen find us mayflies quite annoying."
- 29) "My body is tiny, only about an inch in length. You really have to look closely to spot me!"
- **30**) "Fishermen use fake bugs that look like me to attract fish. See, I can be useful to humans too!"

### Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- 31) Mayflies can be seen all around the world.
- 32) Mayflies are quite interesting because they do not eat anything in their adult life.
- **33)** Mayflies live near clean freshwater bodies like rivers and lakes.
- **34)** It is astonishing how mayflies can lead such a short life.
- **35**) Mayflies have two pairs of wings.
- **36)** Mayflies are more helpful than other flying insects as they keep water bodies clean and balanced.

	Mayflies	Name:	Answer Key
37)	As adults, Mayflies do not need to eat anything.		
38)	Mayflies have a pair of long, thread-like tails.		
<b>39</b> )	Mayflies have the most unique tails compared to other insects.		
<b>40</b> )	Mayflies live in the most beautiful parts of the world.		
Dete	ermine if the statement is true or false.		
<b>41</b> )	Mayflies can be found in Africa, Europe, and Asia.		
42)	Adult mayflies are typically 12 inches in length.		
43)	Mayfly nymphs eat tiny water creatures.		
44)	Mayflies are normally found around sewers and marshes.		
45)	Bats and spiders use mayflies as food.		
<b>46</b> )	Mayflies can be found exclusively in the Americas.		
47)	Mayfly nymphs do not eat anything.		
<b>48</b> )	Adult mayflies live on a diet of dead plants.		
<b>49</b> )	Mayflies live near clean water bodies like rivers, streams, and lakes.		
50)	Mayflies have two pairs of wings.		
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51)	It's amazing to think that mayflies have been around for over 300 million	years!	
52)	Identify the predators of mayflies and how they avoid being eaten.		
53)	How long do adult mayflies live?		

- 54) Wow, did you know mayflies only live for 24 hours!
- 55) Adult mayflies can live for just a few hours or up to a couple of days.
- 56) What do mayflies eat?
- 57) Mayflies are part of the food chain for fish, birds, and other insects.
- 58) What makes mayflies different from other insects?
- **59**) Mayflies help keep the water clean by eating algae.
- **60)** Look closely at a mayfly nymph and notice its small, tube-like gills.
- 61) Whoa, some species of mayflies hatch, mature, mate, and die all within a single day!
- 62) Observe how mayflies use their long tails to help them swim.

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	C.	D.	
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	C. The paragraph doesn't provide any information about whether mayflies are nocturnal or not	D.	
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