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	themselves.		young.
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31)	"I start off as an egg, then turn into a nymph and finally into an adu	lt like you see now."	
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55)	A. do not	B. won't					
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54)	They're called earwigs, but they w	yon't crawl into your ears					
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	C. would not	D. do not						
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