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

- 12) "I have one pair of antennae."
- 13) "I love being out under the bright sun all day!"
- 14) "My protective shell is divided into segments. When I curl up, I look like a tiny armadillo!"
- **15**) "My body is soft and squishy."
- **16**) "I carry my babies like humans do."
- 17) "I live my life out in the open, not in the soil."
- 18) "You'll often find me under rocks and in the moist parts of gardens."
- **19**) "I help gardeners by breaking down old plants and animals into nutrients for the soil. I'm like a tiny recycling machine!"
- 20) "Many think I'm a bug, but... surprise! I'm actually a relative of crabs and lobsters. You won't find me in the sea though!"
- **21**) "We pillbugs have six legs."
- 22) "I love dry environments."
- 23) "We are harmful to gardens."
- 24) "With my seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae, I explore the complex world around me."
- 25) "I like to eat fresh, green plants."
- **26)** "Moms of my kind carry eggs and even babies in a pouch on our bellies, much like kangaroos do. That's how we protect our young ones!"
- 27) "I essentially eat trash! I munch on decayed plants and animals, turning waste into treasure for the plants."
- 28) "I don't breathe like you do, I use gills! Just like fishes, I need a moist environment to breathe."
- **29**) "I breathe through lungs like humans."
- **30)** "When I get scared, I roll up into a tight ball. It's my way of hiding!"
- **31**) "Want to know a cool fact? To grow bigger, I shed my hard shell. It's a process called molting, sorta like how snakes shed their skin."

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

- 32) Birds, frogs, and spiders are some predators that pillbugs need to avoid.
- **33)** Roly-polies are the best animals to have in a garden.
- 34) Because pillbugs breathe through gills, they require damp environments to live.
- **35)** Roly-polies aren't scary, they are cute.
- **36)** Pillbugs can roll into a ball shape when they are afraid.
- **37)** Pillbugs are disgusting the way they eat decaying material.
- **38)** As pillbugs grow, they shed their old exoskeleton through a process called molting.
- **39**) Pillbugs are actually a kind of crustacean, just like lobsters or crabs.

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41)	The way pillbugs roll up when the	hey are scared is cool.		
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42)	Birds, frogs, and spiders eat pill	bugs.		
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<b>46</b> )	When pillbugs feel frightened, the	hey roll into a ball.		
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54)	Pillbugs don't have wings and ca	nnot fly.		
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55)	Pillbugs can't sting or bite people	2.		
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	C. do not	D. will not		
56)	They've got a special pouch to ca	arry their eggs.		
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- 57) It's amazing how pillbugs roll into a tight ball when they feel threatened!
- 58) Watch out for the pillbugs crawling on the sidewalk!
- **59)** How many stages are there in a pillbug's life cycle?
- 60) It's disgusting how pillbugs eat their own poop!
- 61) Pillbugs are also known as roly-polies or doodlebugs.

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62)	What are pillbugs also known as?		
63)	Female pillbugs carry their eggs in a pouch.		
64)	Are pillbugs insects or crustaceans?		
65)	Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs.		

- **66)** Carefully hold a pillbug in your hand and observe its movements.
- 67) Wow, pillbugs can roll into a ball when threatened!
- **68)** Watch how pillbugs move using their seven pairs of legs.

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- 12) "I have one pair of antennae."
- 13) "I love being out under the bright sun all day!"
- 14) "My protective shell is divided into segments. When I curl up, I look like a tiny armadillo!"
- **15**) "My body is soft and squishy."
- **16**) "I carry my babies like humans do."
- 17) "I live my life out in the open, not in the soil."
- 18) "You'll often find me under rocks and in the moist parts of gardens."
- **19**) "I help gardeners by breaking down old plants and animals into nutrients for the soil. I'm like a tiny recycling machine!"
- 20) "Many think I'm a bug, but... surprise! I'm actually a relative of crabs and lobsters. You won't find me in the sea though!"
- **21**) "We pillbugs have six legs."
- 22) "I love dry environments."
- 23) "We are harmful to gardens."
- 24) "With my seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae, I explore the complex world around me."
- 25) "I like to eat fresh, green plants."
- **26)** "Moms of my kind carry eggs and even babies in a pouch on our bellies, much like kangaroos do. That's how we protect our young ones!"
- 27) "I essentially eat trash! I munch on decayed plants and animals, turning waste into treasure for the plants."
- 28) "I don't breathe like you do, I use gills! Just like fishes, I need a moist environment to breathe."
- **29**) "I breathe through lungs like humans."
- **30)** "When I get scared, I roll up into a tight ball. It's my way of hiding!"
- **31)** "Want to know a cool fact? To grow bigger, I shed my hard shell. It's a process called molting, sorta like how snakes shed their skin."

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

- 32) Birds, frogs, and spiders are some predators that pillbugs need to avoid.
- **33)** Roly-polies are the best animals to have in a garden.
- 34) Because pillbugs breathe through gills, they require damp environments to live.
- **35)** Roly-polies aren't scary, they are cute.
- **36)** Pillbugs can roll into a ball shape when they are afraid.
- **37)** Pillbugs are disgusting the way they eat decaying material.
- **38)** As pillbugs grow, they shed their old exoskeleton through a process called molting.
- **39)** Pillbugs are actually a kind of crustacean, just like lobsters or crabs.

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	ermine if the statement is true or false.			
42)	Birds, frogs, and spiders eat pillbugs.			
43)	Pillbugs kept in captivity can grow up to	a foot long.		
44)	Pillbugs break down decaying matter an	d enrich the soil.		
45)	Pillbugs are in the same insect family as	crickets.		
<b>46</b> )	When pillbugs feel frightened, they roll	into a ball.		
47)	Pillbugs stay in dry environments.			
<b>48</b> )	Female pillbugs lay eggs in fast moving lots of water.	streams so their babies are born so	omewhere v	vith
<b>49</b> )	Pillbugs have six legs and two pairs of a	ntennae.		
<b>50</b> )	Pillbugs breathe through gills like fish.			
51)	Pillbugs prefer damp and dark places.			
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52)	<u>They're</u> also known as roly-polies or doo		•	
	A. They were	B. They are		
	C. They have	D. They do		
53)	<u>It's</u> cool how they can roll up into a ball	when they feel threatened.		
	A. It is	B. It was		
	C. It has	D. It does		
54)	Pillbugs don't have wings and cannot fly			
,	A. does not	B. cannot		
	C. did not	D. do not		
55)	Pillbugs can't sting or bite people.			
	A. cannot	B. can		
	C. do not	D. will not		
56)	They've got a special pouch to carry their	eggs.		
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#### imperative(m).

- 57) It's amazing how pillbugs roll into a tight ball when they feel threatened!
- **58)** Watch out for the pillbugs crawling on the sidewalk!
- **59)** How many stages are there in a pillbug's life cycle?
- 60) It's disgusting how pillbugs eat their own poop!
- 61) Pillbugs are also known as roly-polies or doodlebugs.

	Pillbugs	Name:	Answer Key		
62)	What are pillbugs also known as?				
63)	Female pillbugs carry their eggs in a pouch.				
64)	Are pillbugs insects or crustaceans?				
65)	Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs.				
66)	Carefully hold a pillbug in your hand and observe its movements.				
67)	Wow, pillbugs can roll into a ball when threatened!				
<b>68</b> )	Watch how pillbugs move using their seven pairs of legs.				

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8.	Α	33	opinion	58.	imperative			
9.	С	34	fact	59.	interrogative			
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11.	Α	36	fact	61.	declarative			
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Solve each problem. Use the article to answer the question. 1) Where do female pillbugs carry their eggs and babies? (paragraph 4) A. on their back B. a pouch on their belly C. D. 2) Which best describes roly-polies? (paragraph 1) A. Crustaceans B. Arachnids C. D. 3) What do pillbugs use to explore? (paragraph 2) A. antennae B. C. D. 4) What are some predators of pillbugs? (paragraph 3) A. ants, bees, and wasps B. birds, frogs, and spiders C. D. 5) What is the process called when pillbugs shed their exoskeleton? (paragraph 4) A. molting Β. C. D. 6) What do pillbugs breathe through? (paragraph 2) A. lungs Β. C. D. gills 7) What do pillbugs eat? (paragraph 3) A. decayed plants B. small insects C. D. 8) How many pairs of legs do pillbugs have? (paragraph 1) A. seven B. two C. D. 9) Why do pillbugs need to stay in moist environments? (paragraph 2) B. Pillbugs need to stay in moist A. environments to sleep. C. Pillbugs need to stay in moist D. environments to breathe properly. **10)** Which place would you likely NOT find a pillbug living? (paragraph 2) A. Under rocks B. In a tree C. D. 11) What are pillbugs also known as? (paragraph 1) A. roly-polies B. beetles C. D.



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

12) "I have one pair of antennae." (paragraph 1)