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	C.	D.	
6)	When does a brush rabbit usuall	<b>V</b> COME OIIt <sup>9</sup> (paragraph 2)	
0)	A. At noon and evening	B. At twilight and	dawn
	C.	D.	
7)	What do brush rabbits eat? (paragr	h 2)	
7)	A.	B. Leafy stuff like	grasses and forbs
	C.	D. Dearly start line	
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8)	What does a brush rabbit occasio	•	
	<ul><li>A. Reptiles</li><li>C. Woody plants</li></ul>	B. Fruits and veggi D.	les
	C. woody plants	D.	
9)	-	brush rabbits mostly inhabit? (parag	
	A. East coast	B. Rocky mountair	18
	C. West coast	D.	

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

- **10)** "Most of my meals are green and leafy, like grasses and forbs. But sometimes, I'll munch on woody plants too." (paragraph 3)
- 11) "My coat is soft, greyish-brown and it helps me blend into my surroundings." (paragraph 1)



12) "I have smaller ears compared to most rabbits and I use them to stay hidden while exploring." (paragraph 1)

