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- 11) "I actually make my home in the snowy regions of Alaska, not in forests or fields."
- 12) "When it's night time, I come out to explore."
- 13) "Our sharp teeth help us crack open seeds and nuts easily."

- 14) "We prefer to avoid humans."
- 15) "We hate climbing, we prefer staying grounded."
- 16) "We're actually very sociable creatures and love to interact with humans!"
- 17) "I only eat fresh leaves and flowers. I don't like fruits, nuts, or insects."
- 18) "We're extremely picky eaters: we only eat rare black nuts from the Himalayas."
- **19**) "I am a day-time adventurer, night time is for my beauty sleep."
- 20) "We are found in the southeastern regions of the United States."
- 21) "I can't climb trees at all, my favourite spot is always on the ground."
- 22) "With my long tail, I can balance while climbing trees or running around."

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

- **23)** Cotton mice spend most of the day asleep.
- 24) When cotton mouses are nibbling on seeds and nuts, they look absolutely adorable!
- 25) Cotton mouses commonly make homes in tree holes or under logs.
- **26)** Cotton mouses, with their small size and big eyes, are one of the cutest animals in the forest.
- 27) Cotton mouses have a blend of brown and gray fur.
- 28) Cotton mouses' sharp teeth are scary, even though you know they don't harm humans.
- **29)** Cotton mouses diet is mainly made up of seeds, fruits, nuts, and insects.
- **30)** Cotton mouses are mostly found in the southeastern regions of the United States.
- 31) Having a cotton mouse in your backyard is better than having a squirrel!
- 32) It's fun to watch cotton mouses swiftly climbing trees using their long tails for balance.

## Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **33**) The diet of a cotton mouse mainly consists of seeds and nuts.
- **34)** Cotton mouses eat mainly cheese and bread.
- **35)** Cotton mice are nocturnal and generally only come out at night.
- **36)** Cotton mouses enjoy playing with humans and being handled.
- 37) The cotton mouse is predominantly found in the southeastern regions of the United States.
- **38)** Cotton mouses are mostly found in the northwestern regions of the United States.
- **39**) Cotton mouses are aggressive and commonly bite humans when they see them.
- **40)** Cotton mouses sleep at night and are mostly active during the day.
- **41**) Cotton mice are generally shy.
- 42) The cotton mice get their name from their fur, which is as soft as cotton.

# Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 43) Cotton mouses are nocturnal, which means they are most active at night.
- **44)** Can cotton mice climb trees?
- **45**) Cotton mouses come in different colors like white, grey, and brown.



- **46**) Cotton mouses have soft and fluffy fur.
- **47**) How do cotton mice build their nests?
- **48**) Where do cotton mice live?

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- 11) "I actually make my home in the snowy regions of Alaska, not in forests or fields."
- 12) "When it's night time, I come out to explore."
- 13) "Our sharp teeth help us crack open seeds and nuts easily."

14) "We prefer to avoid humans."

- 15) "We hate climbing, we prefer staying grounded."
- 16) "We're actually very sociable creatures and love to interact with humans!"
- 17) "I only eat fresh leaves and flowers. I don't like fruits, nuts, or insects."
- 18) "We're extremely picky eaters: we only eat rare black nuts from the Himalayas."
- **19**) "I am a day-time adventurer, night time is for my beauty sleep."
- 20) "We are found in the southeastern regions of the United States."
- 21) "I can't climb trees at all, my favourite spot is always on the ground."
- 22) "With my long tail, I can balance while climbing trees or running around."

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

- **23**) Cotton mice spend most of the day asleep.
- 24) When cotton mouses are nibbling on seeds and nuts, they look absolutely adorable!
- 25) Cotton mouses commonly make homes in tree holes or under logs.
- **26**) Cotton mouses, with their small size and big eyes, are one of the cutest animals in the forest.
- 27) Cotton mouses have a blend of brown and gray fur.
- 28) Cotton mouses' sharp teeth are scary, even though you know they don't harm humans.
- **29)** Cotton mouses diet is mainly made up of seeds, fruits, nuts, and insects.
- **30)** Cotton mouses are mostly found in the southeastern regions of the United States.
- 31) Having a cotton mouse in your backyard is better than having a squirrel!
- 32) It's fun to watch cotton mouses swiftly climbing trees using their long tails for balance.

### Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **33**) The diet of a cotton mouse mainly consists of seeds and nuts.
- **34)** Cotton mouses eat mainly cheese and bread.
- **35)** Cotton mice are nocturnal and generally only come out at night.
- **36)** Cotton mouses enjoy playing with humans and being handled.
- 37) The cotton mouse is predominantly found in the southeastern regions of the United States.
- 38) Cotton mouses are mostly found in the northwestern regions of the United States.
- **39**) Cotton mouses are aggressive and commonly bite humans when they see them.
- **40)** Cotton mouses sleep at night and are mostly active during the day.
- **41**) Cotton mice are generally shy.
- 42) The cotton mice get their name from their fur, which is as soft as cotton.

# Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 43) Cotton mouses are nocturnal, which means they are most active at night.
- **44**) Can cotton mice climb trees?
- **45**) Cotton mouses come in different colors like white, grey, and brown.



Name: Answer Key

**46**) Cotton mouses have soft and fluffy fur.

- **47**) How do cotton mice build their nests?
- **48)** Where do cotton mice live?

			Cotton Mouse		١	Name:	Answer Key
1.	В	26.	opinion				
2.	C	27.	fact				
3.	<u> </u>	28.	opinion				
4.	A	29.	fact				
5.	С	30.	fact				
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19.	false	44.	interrogative				
20.	true	45.	declarative				
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#### Solve each problem.

Use	Use the article to answer the question.				
1)	What color is the fur of a cotton mouse? (paragraph 1)				
	А.	B. Brown and gray			
	С.	D.			
2)	Where would you most likely find a cotton m	tice? (paragraph 2)			
,	A. In the ocean	B.			
	C. In forests	D.			
3)	In which country can we mostly find cotton mice? (paragraph 2)				
	A.	B. United States			
	С.	D.			
4)	What do cotton mouses sometimes munch on	, besides their usual diet? (paragraph 3)			
	A. Bird eggs	B. Grass			
	С.	D.			
5)	What kind of animals does the cotton mouse	eat? (paragraph 3)			
,	А.	B. Reptiles			
	C. Insects	D.			
6)	What part of a cotton mouse body helps them balance? (paragraph 1)				
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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).

11) "I actually make my home in the snowy regions of Alaska, not in forests or fields." (paragraph 2)



12) "When it's night time, I come out to explore." (paragraph 2)

