Fleas

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	C. fruits and vegetables	D. insects and worms	
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	C. They depend on them for food	D. They depend on th transportation	em for
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	C. will not	D. can not					
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	C. will	D. do not					
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	C. It has	D. They are					
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11.	false	36.	opinion	61.	interrogative		
12.	false	37	fact	62.	declarative		
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8)	Do fleas have wings? (paragraph 4)							
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9)	Are fleas considered to be insects? (parag	praph 4)						
-)	A. They are a type of spider	B.						
	C.	D.	Yes					
10)	How high can fleas jump? (paragraph 4)							
10)	A. up to 150 times their own height	B.	up to 100 times their own height					
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