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 - C. They can only be found in gardens and lawns.
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 - A. Yes, their larvae can cause damage to lawns and gardens.
 - C. They only eat decaying plant matter, so they don't cause any damage.

D.	Their ability	to sting
в	Their wings	

- D. Their legs
- B. In the air
- D. In trees
- B. Leatherjackets
- B. Only certain species of crane flies bite
- D. Only female crane flies bite
- B. Crane flies like to live near water sources
- D. Crane flies like to live in the desert
- B. Crane fly larvae eat meat
- D. Crane fly larvae eat roots and decaying plant matter
- B. They look like bees.
- D. They look like giant mosquitoes.
- B. They can be found in forests, meadows, and even deserts.
- D. They can only be found in tropical rainforests.
- B. They actually help plants grow by providing nutrients to the soil.
- D. No, crane flies don't cause any damage to plants.

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13)	"Next time you see one of us, just	remember, we are complet	ely harmless."		
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15)	"Only a few hundred of us crane fl	ies exist in the world!"			
16)	"We love to stay near water bodies	. It helps our larvae grow	vell."		
17)	"Our young ones, known as 'leathe roots and decaying plants."	rjackets', spend most of the	eir time underground, eating		
18)	"I wouldn't be seen anywhere near snow."	a forest. We make our hor	nes in the cold Canadian		
19)	"Me and my larva buddies hate the	e dirt!"			
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30)	"We look scary, like mosquitoes, b	out we never bite or spread	diseases."		
31)	"After spending few months under	ground, we come out as ad	ult crane flies."		
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40)	The female crane fly lays her eggs in	wet soil or water.	
41)	Crane flies are cool to watch because	they fly fast and can e	ven lose legs to escape danger.
42)	Crane flies are awesome creatures be	cause they can live alm	ost anywhere in the world.
Dete	ermine if the statement is true or fal	se.	
43)	Caught crane flies can shed their legs	s to escape danger.	
44)	The life cycle of a crane fly starts wi	th the female laying her	eggs in dry soil.
45)	Crane fly larvae are called "leatherja	ckets".	
46)	Crane flies look like giant butterflies		
47)	Crane flies can be food for birds, spie	ders, and other predator	s.
48)	Adult crane flies eat a lot during their	r short lives.	
49)	There are over 20,000 different speci	es of crane flies.	
50)	Crane flies can only be found near w	ater sources.	
51)	Crane flies live near water sources li	ke rivers, ponds, and m	arshes.
52)	Crane flies are insects that can be for	and all over the world.	
Dete	ermine which choice is the expanded	form of the underline	ed contraction.
53)	Their wings are so delicate, it's hard t	o believe they can fly.	
	A. it was	B. it is	
	C. they are	D. it has	
54)	Crane flies aren't dangerous to human	ns, so you can observe t	hem safely.
	A. are not	B. will not	
	C. are able	D. can not	
55)	Crane flies don't bite, so you shouldn	<u>t</u> be scared of them.	
	A. should have	B. would not	
	C. should never	D. should not	
56)	Crane fly larvae can't survive without	water.	
	A. cannot	B. can always	3
	C. would not	D. will not	
57)	They're not called crane flies because	they look like cranes.	
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63)	What do crane flies look like?						
64)	Crane flies don't bite or transmit diseases to	humans.					
65)	Where can you find crane flies?						
66)	Crane fly eggs hatch into larvae called 'leat	herjackets'.					
67)	Remember to be gentle when handling crar	ne flies.					
68)	It's incredible how crane fly larvae can live	underground!					
69)	Tell your friends that crane flies don't bite.						
Det	ermine which choice is the conclusion that	can be drawn fro	om the statement.				
70)	Female crane flies lay their eggs in moist so locations?	il or water. Why d	o they choose these				
	A. Crane flies only lay eggs on dry land.	B. Crane fly la environmen	rvae need a moist t to grow.				
	C. Crane flies are attracted to bright sunlight.	D. Crane flies eggs.	don't need water to lay				
71)	Crane flies can be found in various habitats. What does this tell us about them?	including forests,	meadows, and even deserts.				
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72)	The crane fly's long legs break off easily, budeduced from this fact about crane flies?	at they can still fly	without them. What can be				
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	C. Without their legs, crane flies cannot fly.	D. Crane flies of flight.	lo not need their legs for				
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	A. Crane flies use their legs to attack predators.	B. Crane flies a predators.	are defenseless against				
	C. Crane flies rely on their size to scare predators.		nave unique ways to nselves from predators.				
74)	Crane flies look like giant mosquitoes, but t mean for people?	hey don't bite or s	pread diseases. What does this				
	A Crane flies are harmless to humans	B Crane flies	can make people sick				

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- C. Crane flies' mouths don't have teeth. D. Crane flies are dangerous to humans.

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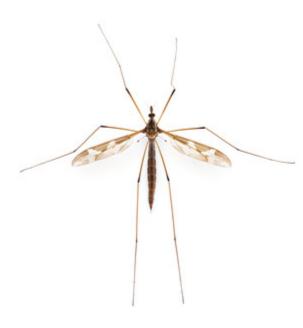
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32)	"If we get caught, we have a special trick up our sleeve - we shed our them! Cool, isn't it?"	legs and then reg	grow			

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	С.	D.	
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,	A. Their antennae		Their wings
	C.	D.	Their legs
3)	Where do crane flies lay their eggs? (paragraph 3))	
	A. In moist soil or water	B.	In the air
	С.	D.	
4)	What is the name for crane fly larvae? (paragraph	h 3)	
	A. Beetles	B.	Leatherjackets
	С.	D.	
5)	Do crane flies bite? (paragraph 4)		
	A. Yes	B.	Only certain species of crane flies bite
	C. No	D.	
6)	Where do crane flies like to live? (paragraph 2)		
	A. Crane flies like to live in trees	B.	Crane flies like to live near water
	С.	Л	sources
	С.	D.	
7)	What do crane fly larvae eat? (paragraph 3)	Б	
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	lawns and gardens.		providing nutrients to the soil.
	С.	D.	

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	А.	В.	Adult crane flies eat other insects
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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).

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