Imagine a tiny superhero, with a shiny armor-like skin, that's always on a mission – meet the dung beetle! These little creatures are known for their sturdy, hard outer shell that shines like armor under the sunlight. With six legs, two large antennae for sensory purposes, and a pair of wings hidden under their hard shell, they are well-equipped for their environment. Despite their small size, often just a few centimeters long, these beetles are incredibly strong and can carry loads over a thousand times their body weight!

Following the trail from our strong little friend, let's delve into their unique diet. Dung beetles have a rather interesting and unusual diet - they eat dung, or animal poop! This not only helps them stay nourished, but also plays a vital role in maintaining the health of our environment by recycling nutrients and controlling parasites and pests. Interestingly, not all dung beetles eat the same kind of poo – some prefer that of herbivores, while others opt for omnivores' or carnivores' droppings.



From their diet, let's roll on to their fascinating life cycle and habitat. These beetles lay their eggs in or around dung, providing a perfect food source for their larvae once they hatch. They can be found almost everywhere around the globe, from the hottest deserts to the chilliest grasslands, making them one of the most widespread animals on Earth. Depending on the species, the life cycle of a dung beetle can vary from two months to a couple of years!



Now that we've delved into their lifestyle, let's explore dung beetles' relationships with other animals and humans. Despite their unappealing diet, dung beetles play a crucial role in our ecosystem, helping to recycle waste and enrich the soil, which benefits humans and other animals alike. Did you know that an elephant's dung can provide food for up to 16,000 dung beetles in just two hours? So, to circle back to our tiny superheroes, they are not just fascinating creatures, but also diligent recyclers, making our world a cleaner, healthier place!

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### Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.

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  - A. You shall B. You will
  - C. You can D. You would
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  - A. They haveB. They wereC. They hadD. They do
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  - A. does notB. cannotC. did notD. do not
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	A. All beetles can roll items 50 times their weight.	-	beetles are the size of the dung they roll.					
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Imagine a tiny superhero, with a shiny armor-like skin, that's always on a mission – meet the dung beetle! These little creatures are known for their sturdy, hard outer shell that shines like armor under the sunlight. With six legs, two large antennae for sensory purposes, and a pair of wings hidden under their hard shell, they are well-equipped for their environment. Despite their small size, often just a few centimeters long, these beetles are incredibly strong and can carry loads over a thousand times their body weight!

Following the trail from our strong little friend, let's delve into their unique diet. Dung beetles have a rather interesting and unusual diet - they eat dung, or animal poop! This not only helps them stay nourished, but also plays a vital role in maintaining the health of our environment by recycling nutrients and controlling parasites and pests. Interestingly, not all dung beetles eat the same kind of poo – some prefer that of herbivores, while others opt for omnivores' or carnivores' droppings.



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Solve each problem.

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	C. Fruits and vegetables.	D.	Dung or animal poop.
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	C. Up to 1,000 dung beetles	D.	Up to 16,000 dung beetles
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<b>40</b> )	All dung beetles eat the same kind of poo.				
<b>41</b> )	Some dung beetles prefer to eat the poo of herbivores.				
42)	Dung beetles eat fruits and vegetables.				
43)	An elephant's dung can provide food for up to 16,000 dung beetles in just tw	o hours.			
<b>4</b> 4)	There is only one species of dung beetle.				
45)	Dung beetles' eggs are laid under leaves.				
<b>46</b> )	Dung beetles will only eat the droppings of horses.				
47)	Dung beetles eat animal poop.				
<b>48</b> )	Dung beetles lay their eggs in dung.				
Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.					

- **49**) <u>You'll</u> find them in different habitats around the world.
  - A. You shall B. You will
  - C. You can D. You would
- **50**) <u>They've</u> got strong horns to protect their food.
  - A. They haveB. They wereC. They hadD. They do
- **51**) Dung beetles <u>don't</u> care if their food is a bit smelly.
  - A. does notB. cannotC. did notD. do not
- 52) <u>It's amazing how they help clean up the environment.</u>
  - A. It isB. It has
  - C. It does D. It was
- **53)** <u>They're</u> known for eating poop from other animals.
  - A. They doB. They isC. They areD. They are
  - C. They are D. They were

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

- 54) Wow, dung beetles can roll balls of dung that are bigger than their own body!
- **55**) Observe dung beetles in action to learn more about their behavior.
- **56)** Where do dung beetles lay their eggs?
- **57)** It's amazing how dung beetles benefit both humans and other insects!
- **58)** Dung beetles can be found in grasslands, forests, and deserts.
- **59**) Can dung beetles fly?
- **60)** Dung beetles lay their eggs in the soil or in the dung itself.
- 61) What are some unique features of different dung beetle species?

	Dung Beetles         Name:         Answer Key							
62)	Dung beetles eat poop from other animals.							
63)	Always respect the hard work of dung beetle							
64)	Look, there are dung beetles in our backyard	!!						
65)	Please don't disturb the dung beetles while the	ney	are rolling their dung balls.					
Dete	ermine which choice is the conclusion that c	an I	be drawn from the statement.					
66)	Dung beetles use the sun, the moon, and even statement, what conclusion can be drawn abo							
	A. Dung beetles roam randomly.	В.	Dung beetles have advanced navigational skills.					
	C. Dung beetles do not move around.	D.	Dung beetles can only navigate during the day.					
67)	Some dung beetles have strong horns on their be the purpose of these horns?	r hea	ads to fight off other beetles. What could					
	A. The horns help dung beetles defend their dung from being stolen.	В.	The horns help dung beetles fly.					
	C. The horns help dung beetles dig holes.	D.	The horns help dung beetles attract mates.					
<b>68</b> )	Dung beetles can roll up to 50 times their ow about dung beetles?	n bo	ody weight in dung. What does this imply					
	A. All beetles can roll items 50 times their weight.	В.	Dung beetles are the size of the dung balls they roll.					
	C. Dung beetles are weak.	D.	Dung beetles are strong for their size.					
<b>69</b> )	Some dung beetles eat only the dung of certa these beetles?	in a	nimals. What might this indicate about					
	A. Dung beetles are vegetarian.	В.	All dung beetles eat the same type of dung.					
	C. Dung beetles will not the eat dung of cows.	D.	Some dung beetles have specific dietary preferences.					
70)	Dung beetles can be found in grasslands, fore statement, what conclusion can we draw about		•					
	A. Dung beetles can adapt to various habitats.	В.	Dung beetles can only live in grasslands or areas with lots of trees.					
	C. Dung beetles can survive in every country in the world.	D.	Dung beetles have to live near a flowing fresh water source.					

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3.	С	28	true	53.	С	_	
4.	Α	29	fact	54.	exclamatory	_	
5.	D		opinion	55.	imperative	_	
6.	В	31	fact	56.	interrogative		
7.	В	32	opinion	57.	exclamatory	_	
8.	В	33	fact	58.	declarative	_	
9.	С	34	opinion	59.	interrogative	_	
10.	D	35	fact	60.	declarative	_	
11.	false	36	fact	61.	interrogative	_	
12.	false	37	opinion	62.	declarative	_	
13.	true	38	opinion	63.	imperative	_	
14.	true	39	true	64.	exclamatory	_	
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#### Solve each problem. Use the article to answer the question. 1) What do dung beetles eat to stay nourished? (paragraph 2) A. Flowers and nectar. B. Insects and small animals. C. D. Dung or animal poop. 2) How many dung beetles can an elephant's poop feed in just two hours? (paragraph 4) A. Up to 100 dung beetles Β. C. D. Up to 16,000 dung beetles 3) Where do dung beetles lay their eggs? (paragraph 3) B. In the soil. A. C. In or around dung. D. 4) How many legs does a dung beetle have? (paragraph 1) A. Six legs B. Eight legs C. D. 5) What kind of shell does a dung beetle have? (paragraph 1) A. Rough, scaly shell Β. C. D. Shiny, armor-like shell 6) What is the role of dung beetles in maintaining the health of the environment? (paragraph 2) B. Recycling nutrients and controlling A. parasites and pests. C. D. 7) Where can dung beetles be found around the globe? (paragraph 3) A. Only in colder regions like the Arctic. B. Almost everywhere, from deserts to grasslands. C. D. 8) How long can the life cycle of a dung beetle be? (paragraph 3) A. B. From two months to a couple of years. C. D. 9) Dung beetles are also known for helping to control which of the following? (paragraph 2) A. B. Disease outbreaks C. Parasites and pests D. 10) What role do dung beetles play in the ecosystem? (paragraph 4) A. B. Eating plants and destroying vegetation. C. D. Recycling waste and enriching the

soil.



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

11) "I eat fruits and vegetables for nourishment, just like you guys." (paragraph 2)

12) "I can't survive in the desert or cold grasslands." (paragraph 3)