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	C. with their sting	D.	by flying away
4)	What do fire ants eat?		
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	C. both plants and other small creatures	D.	they do not eat
5)	Do fire ant stings cause allergic reactions?	п	
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	Fire Ants Name:
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	C. They are	D.	There was								
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	C. they were	D.	there are								
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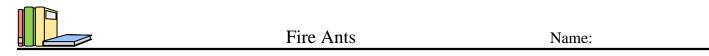
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10.	D	35	fact	60.	interrogative	_		
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12.	true	37	opinion	62.	imperative	_		
13.	true	38	true	63.	exclamatory	_		
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15.	true	40	true	65.	В	_		
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