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7.	D	32.	opinion	57.	imperative		
8.	С	33.	fact	58.	interrogative		
9.	B	34	opinion	59.	exclamatory		
10.	C	35.	fact	60.	declarative		
11.	false	36.	opinion	61.	interrogative		
12.	false	37	fact	62.	declarative	_	
13.	true	38	fact	63.	interrogative	_	
14.	false	39	opinion	64.	declarative	_	
15.	false	40	opinion	65.	imperative	_	
16.	false	41.	true	66.	exclamatory	_	
17.	true	42.	false	67.	imperative	_	
18.	true	43.	true				
19.	true	44	false				
20.	false	45	true				
21.	false	46	false				
22.	false	47	false				
23.	true	48.	false				
24.	false	49.	true				
25.	true	50	true				
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Horse Flies

### Solve each problem.

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	the article to answer the question. What do horse flies wings look like? (paragraph 1	1)	
	А.	В.	They are transparent.
	С.	D.	
2)	How big are horse flies compared to other flie	es?	(naragraph 4)
_)	A. They are larger than most other flies.		They are smaller than most other flies.
	С.	D.	
3)	What do horse flies eat? (paragraph 2)		
e)	A. They eat plants and nectar.	B	They eat nuts, seeds, and fruits.
	C.		They eat blood.
	С.	D.	They eat blood.
4)	What is the role of horse flies in the ecosystem	m? (	(paragraph 4)
	A. They help pollinate flowers.	B.	
	C. They help to control other insect populations.	D.	
5)	What do horse flies larvae eat? (paragraph 3)		
0)	A. Worms and crickets	B.	Leaves and bark
	C. Insects and organic matter	D.	
6)	What are the colors of a horse fly's body? (para	ıgrapl	n 1)
	A. Shades of brown and black.	В.	Shades of red and orange.
	С.	D.	
7)	Where does a female horse fly lay her eggs?	parag	graph 3)
,	A.		Deep in the soil.
	С.		On plants near water bodies.
8)	How do the horse fly larvae start their life? (pa		
	A. They consume the fruit they were laid	В.	They eat their way out of the leaves
	on. C. They fall into the water from where	D.	where the eggs were laid.
	C. They fall into the water from where they hatch.	D.	
9)	What is a special about the eyes of a horse flip	es?	(paragraph 1)
	А.	В.	They can see in almost all directions.
	С.	D.	
10)	When are horse flies active? (paragraph 4)		
)	A.	B.	They are only active during twilight
		2.	hours.
	C. They are active during the day.	D.	
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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 never cause any problems for humans or animals." (paragraph 1)

12) "I love dry climates." (paragraph 3)