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#### Solve each problem.

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What do e	elks eat?			
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What do i	nany Native American cult	ures conside	r elks as symbols of?	
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C. streng	th and endurance	D.	wisdom and knowledge	

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12.	true	37.	false			
13.	true	38.	false			
14.	false	39.	true			
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