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Speaking of burrowing, these roach giants love to dig deep into the soil of Australia's tropical rainforests. They make their homes underground, using their strong legs and body to create tunnels and burrows. Living in a burrow helps them stay cool during the hot days and warm during chilly nights. Their burrows also provide a safe place to hide from predators.

Now, you might be wondering what these underground dwellers eat. Their main diet consists of dry leaves, wood, and other plant material. This makes them important for the environment as they help break down dead plant matter, returning nutrients back to the soil. Did you know? They can live up to 10 years, which is quite long for an insect!



Let's now talk about their relationship with us humans and other animals. While they might seem scary to some, they are completely harmless and do not pose any threat. In fact, some people even keep these gentle giants as pets. So, whether it's their burrowing skills, their important role in the ecosystem, or their gentle nature, there's certainly more to the giant burrowing cockroach than meets the eye.



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4) Do giant burrowing cockroaches pose any threat to humans?

- A. YesB. Only the malesC. NoD. Only the females
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 - C. Up to 5 years D. Up to 1 year

6) What color are giant burrowing cockroaches?

A. Light brown	B. Dark brown
C. Light blue	D. Dark blue

7) Where do giant burrowing cockroaches live?

A. In trees	B. In houses
C. In soil	D. In water

8) What type of climate do giant burrowing cockroaches prefer?

- A. Grasslands B. Tropical rainforests
- C. Deserts D. Mountains

9) Where do the giant burrowing cockroaches make their homes?

- A. In rivers B. In caves
- C. In trees D. Underground
- **10)** Which do giant burrowing cockroaches eat?
 - A. Small insectsB. Oak SeedsC. Fresh FruitsD. Dry leaves

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

- 11) "I'm really good for the environment! I break down plant matter and return nutrients to the soil."
- 12) "Wood and plant material are my favorite things to munch on."

	Giant Burrowing Cockroach Name:
13)	"My home? I dig it deep in the soil of Australia's tropical rainforests."
14)	"While I can't fly, I love to dig and burrow. That's why I'm called a burrowing cockroach."
15)	"I don't really live that long, just a year or two."
16)	"While many other insects live short lives, I can live for up to 10 years! If I went to school, that would mean I was in 4th grade!"
17)	"When predators come, I safely hide in my burrow."
18)	"I'm not a giant, I only reach up to 1 inch in length."
19)	"Oh, I just love to spread my wings and fly!"
20)	"Some people think I'm pretty cool and keep me as a pet."
21)	"I hate staying inside my burrow during the day, it's too dark."
22)	"I'm heavier than most other bugs. I can weigh up to 35 grams. That's as much as a deck of

- 23) "Even if I look scary to some people, I promise I'm completely harmless."
- 24) "I feast on insects and small animals."

playing cards."

25) "My burrow basically has air conditioning. It keeps me cool during hot days and warm when it's chilly."

Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- **26**) Giant burrowing cockroaches can live up to 10 years.
- 27) Giant burrowing cockroaches are much more interesting than regular ones.
- **28)** The diet of giant burrowing cockroaches primarily consists of dry leaves, wood, and other plant material.
- 29) It's amazing how long giant burrowing cockroaches can live, up to 10 years!
- **30)** Giant burrowing cockroaches can not fly.
- 31) I feel bad for the giant burrowing cockroachs that have to live underground all the time.
- 32) Some people keep giant burrowing cockroaches as pets.
- 33) Giant burrowing cockroaches live in the soil of Australia's tropical rainforests.
- 34) It is weird that some people keep giant burrowing cockroaches as pets.
- **35**) These cockroaches are not gross, despite what many people say.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **36)** Giant burrowing cockroaches can live up to 10 years.
- 37) Giant burrowing cockroaches only live about 6 months.
- **38)** Giant burrowing cockroaches are not able to fly.
- **39)** Giant burrowing cockroaches are smaller than regular cockroaches.
- **40)** Giant burrowing cockroaches eat dry leaves and wood.
- 41) Giant burrowing cockroaches can only fly in short bursts.
- 42) Giant burrowing cockroaches mainly eat other insects.
- **43**) Giant burrowing cockroaches have a venom that is dangerous to humans.

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45)		cockroaches live in Australia.	1	
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46)	They won't bite or	sting, so they're safe to be arou	und.	
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	C. cannot	D.	was not	
47)	Giant burrowing c	ockroaches can make a hissing	sound, but they	<u>'re</u> not dangerous.
	A. they are	B.	they be	
	C. they were	D.	they am	
48)	Giant burrowing c	ockroaches <u>don't</u> have wings, s	o they can't fly.	
	A. does not	B.	cannot	
	C. did not	D.	do not	
49)	It's easy to take car	re of them as pets because they	're low-mainten	ance.
	A. It is	B.	It was	
	C. It are	D.	It has	
50)	They're great at re	cycling dead plants in the envir	conment.	
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	C. They are	D.	They is	

- 51) Giant burrowing cockroaches are native to Australia.
- 52) What do giant burrowing cockroaches eat?
- 53) Giant burrowing cockroaches have a shiny, dark brown to black color.
- 54) Giant burrowing cockroaches are generally harmless and do not bite.
- 55) Can giant burrowing cockroaches fly?
- 56) Giant Burrowing Cockroaches grow really big, some can even reach 3 inches long!
- 57) How big can giant burrowing cockroaches grow?

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	Giant Burrowing Cockroach Name: Answer Key				
13)	"My home? I dig it deep in the soil of Australia's tropical rainforests."				
14)	"While I can't fly, I love to dig and burrow. That's why I'm called a burrowing cockroach."				
15)	"I don't really live that long, just a year or two."				
16)	While many other insects live short lives, I can live for up to 10 years! If I went to school, that would mean I was in 4th grade!"				
17)	"When predators come, I safely hide in my burrow."				
18)	"I'm not a giant, I only reach up to 1 inch in length."				
19)	"Oh, I just love to spread my wings and fly!"				
20)	"Some people think I'm pretty cool and keep me as a pet."				
21)	"I hate staying inside my burrow during the day, it's too dark."				
22)) "I'm heavier than most other bugs. I can weigh up to 35 grams. That's as much as a deck of playing cards."				
23)	"Even if I look scary to some people, I promise I'm completely harmless."				
24)	"I feast on insects and small animals."				
25)	"My burrow basically has air conditioning. It keeps me cool during hot days and warm when it's chilly."				
Dete	ermine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.				
26)	Giant burrowing cockroaches can live up to 10 years.				
27)	Giant burrowing cockroaches are much more interesting than regular ones.				
28)	The diet of giant burrowing cockroaches primarily consists of dry leaves, wood, and other plant material.				
29)	It's amazing how long giant burrowing cockroaches can live, up to 10 years!				
30)	Giant burrowing cockroaches can not fly.				

- 31) I feel bad for the giant burrowing cockroachs that have to live underground all the time.
- 32) Some people keep giant burrowing cockroaches as pets.
- 33) Giant burrowing cockroaches live in the soil of Australia's tropical rainforests.
- **34)** It is weird that some people keep giant burrowing cockroaches as pets.
- **35**) These cockroaches are not gross, despite what many people say.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **36)** Giant burrowing cockroaches can live up to 10 years.
- **37)** Giant burrowing cockroaches only live about 6 months.
- **38)** Giant burrowing cockroaches are not able to fly.
- **39)** Giant burrowing cockroaches are smaller than regular cockroaches.
- **40)** Giant burrowing cockroaches eat dry leaves and wood.
- 41) Giant burrowing cockroaches can only fly in short bursts.
- 42) Giant burrowing cockroaches mainly eat other insects.
- **43**) Giant burrowing cockroaches have a venom that is dangerous to humans.

	Giant Burrowing C	ockroach	Name:	Answer Key	
<u>44</u>)	Some people keep giant burrowing cockroaches		Tume.		
,		us pets.			
45)	Giant burrowing cockroaches live in Australia.				
Det	ermine which choice is the expanded form of t	ne underlined contraction.			
46)	They won't bite or sting, so they're safe to be are	und.			
	A. would not B	will not			
	C. cannot D	. was not			
47)	Giant burrowing cockroaches can make a hissin	g sound, but <u>they're</u> not dange	erous.		
	A. they are B	they be			
	C. they were D	. they am			
48)	Giant burrowing cockroaches <u>don't</u> have wings,	so they can't fly.			
, ,		cannot			
	C. did not D	. do not			
49)	<u>It's</u> easy to take care of them as pets because the	y're low-maintenance.			
	A. It is B	It was			
	C. It are D	. It has			
50)	They're great at recycling dead plants in the env	ronment.			
, ,	A. They am B	They were			
	C. They are D	. They is			
imp	 Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m). 51) Giant burrowing cockroaches are native to Australia. 				

- **52**) What do giant burrowing cockroaches eat?
- 53) Giant burrowing cockroaches have a shiny, dark brown to black color.
- 54) Giant burrowing cockroaches are generally harmless and do not bite.
- 55) Can giant burrowing cockroaches fly?
- 56) Giant Burrowing Cockroaches grow really big, some can even reach 3 inches long!
- 57) How big can giant burrowing cockroaches grow?

		Gian	t Burrowing Co	ockroach		Name:	Answer Key
1.	В	26.	fact	51.	declarative		
2.	A	27.	opinion	52.	interrogative		
3.	В	28.	fact	53.	declarative		
4.	С	29.	opinion	54.	declarative		
5.	A	30.	fact	55.	interrogative		
6.	B	31.	opinion	56.	exclamatory		
7.	С	32.	fact	57.	interrogative		
8.	B	33.	fact				
9.	D	34.	opinion				
10.	D	35.	opinion				
11.	true	36.	true				
12.	true	37.	false				
13.	true	38.	true				
14.	true	<u> </u>	false				
15.	false	40.	true				
16.	true	41.	false				
17.	true	42.	false				
18.	false	43.	false				
19.	false	44.	true				
20.	true	45.	true				
21.	false	46.	В				
22.	true	47.	Α				
23.	true	48.	D				
24.	false	49.	Α				
25.	true	50.	С				
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Solve each problem.

5010	e each problem.	
Use	the article to answer the question.	
1)	How big can a giant burrowing cockroach ge	t? (paragraph 1)
	A. About 9 inches	B. About 3 inches
	С.	D.
2)	How heavy can a giant burrowing cockroach	get? (paragraph 1)
	A. Up to 35 grams	B. Up to 50 grams
	С.	D.
2)		
3)		
	A. Yes	B. No
	С.	D.
4)	Do giant burrowing cockroaches pose any th	eat to humans? (paragraph 4)
,	A. Yes	B.
	C. No	D.
5)	How long can a giant burrowing cockroach li	ve? (paragraph 3)
	A. Up to 10 years	B. Up to 20 years
	С.	D.
6)	What color are giant burrowing cockroaches	(paragraph 1)
0)	A. Light brown	B. Dark brown
	C.	D.
	С.	D.
7)	Where do giant burrowing cockroaches live?	(paragraph 2)
	А.	B. In houses
	C. In soil	D.
0)		
8)	What type of climate do giant burrowing coc	-
	A. Grasslands	B. Tropical rainforests
	С.	D.
9)	Where do the giant burrowing cockroaches m	nake their homes? (paragraph 2)
	A. In rivers	B. In caves
	С.	D. Underground
10)	Which do giant burrowing cockroaches eat?	paragraph 3)
	A. Small insects	В.
	С.	D. Dry leaves

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