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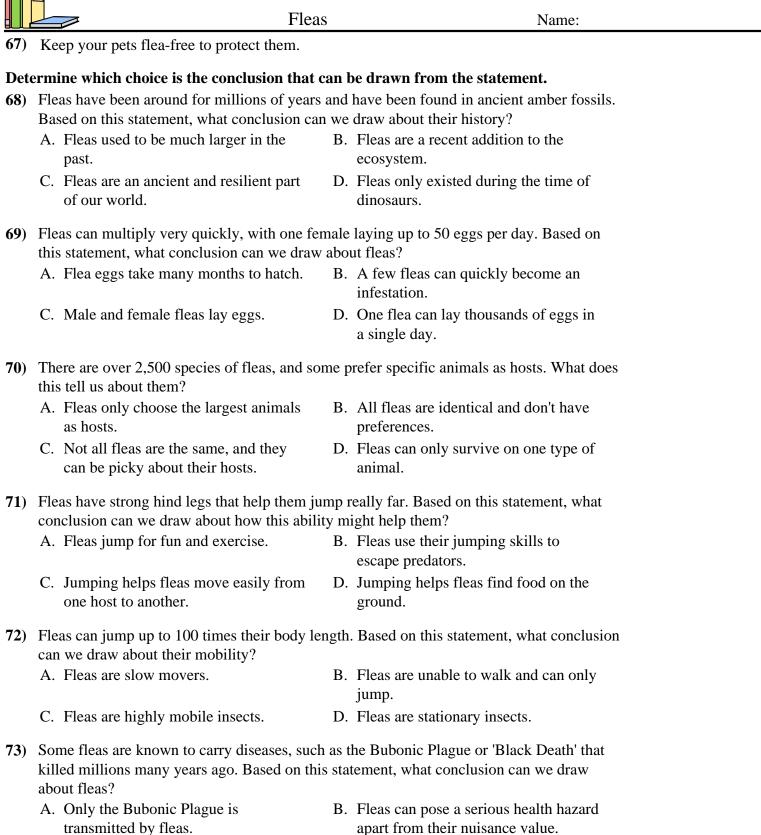
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 - A. Fleas used to be much larger in the past.
 C. Fleas are an ancient and resilient part of our world.
 B. Fleas are a recent addition to the ecosystem.
 D. Fleas only existed during the time of dinosaurs.
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 - C. Male and female fleas lay eggs. D. One flea can lay thousands of eggs in a single day.
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 - C. Jumping helps fleas move easily from one host to another.
- B. Fleas use their jumping skills to escape predators.
- D. Jumping helps fleas find food on the ground.
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 - C. Fleas are highly mobile insects. D. Fleas are stationary insects.
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 - A. Only the Bubonic Plague is transmitted by fleas.
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