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C. 2 pairs D.
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A. B. Symbols of danger
C. Symbols of luck D.
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A. B. Deserts and jungles
C. Fields and meadows D.
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A. B. Ability to fly
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C. D.
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