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	C. About a month	D.	About a week				
2)	What is special about Alaskan hares ears?						
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	hares		warmth				
3)	What notable feature do Alaskan hares have compared to other hares?						
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	C. Their noses are bigger	D.	Their whiskers are longer				
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-)	A. Herbivores	B.	Omnivores				
	C. Carnivores	D.	They do not eat				
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	C. Only the females have large hind legs D. Only the males have large hind legs						
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7)	How do Alaskan hares defend themselves when danger approaches?						
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			claws				
		D.	By making loud noises to scare away				
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