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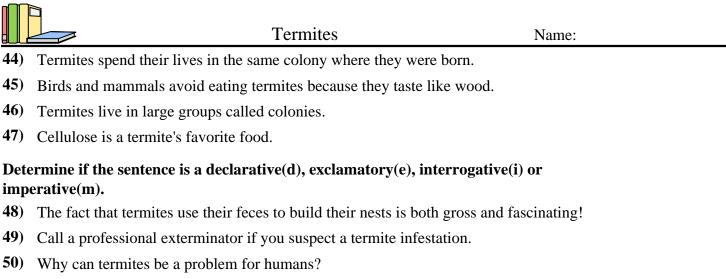
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11) "We start our lives as eggs, then we hatch into tiny creatures called nymphs." (paragraph 3)



Termites

12) "Many creatures like ants, birds, and even some mammals consider us a food source." (paragraph 4)

