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	Fire Ants Name:					
12)	"Fear our strength! Even large prey is vulnerable when we attack in groups."					
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<b>57</b> )	Fire ants are known to prey on small animal statement, what conclusion can be drawn at	• •	on this
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<b>48</b> )	There's a special fly that helps control fire an	t po	pulations by laying eggs in	nside them.	
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	C. They are	D.	There was		
<b>49</b> )	Fire ants' stings feel like they're burning, whi	ch i	s why <u>they're</u> called fire a	nts.	
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	C. they were	D.	there are		
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<b>68</b> )	When a fire ant mound is disturbed, the ants colony. Based on this statement, what conclu	-				
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4.	<u> </u>	29.	opinion	54.	imperative	_		
5.	B	30	fact	55.	interrogative	_		
6.	A	31	opinion	56.	exclamatory	_		
7.	C	32.	fact	57.	declarative	_		
8.	<b>D</b>	33.	opinion	58.	interrogative	_		
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13.	true	38	true	63.	exclamatory	_		
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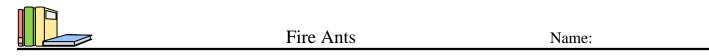


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