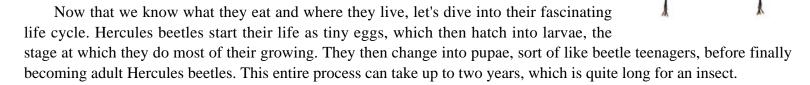


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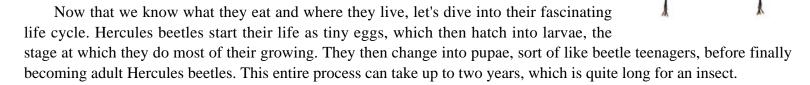
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# Hercules Beetles Name:

# Solve each problem.

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1) How do Hercules beetles use their horns? (paragraph 1)

A. to swim in water B. to dig burrows

C. D. to battle each other

2) Why are Hercules beetles called recyclers? (paragraph 2)

A. They collect and store food for the winter

B. They break down and recycle dead plants

C. D.

3) What do Hercules beetles eat? (paragraph 2)

A. grass and leavesB.C. rotting wood and fruitsD.

4) Why are Hercules beetles often kept as pets? (paragraph 4)

A. because they are rare and valuable B. due to their unique appearance and

low maintenance

C. D.

5) Are Hercules beetles harmful to humans? (paragraph 4)

A. Only female beetles B. Only males beetles

C. No D.

**6)** What is the Hercules beetle famous for? (paragraph 1)

A. their great swimming ability B. their long lives

C. their size and horn-like structures D.

7) How do Hercules beetles help the ecosystem? (paragraph 2)

A. B. by pollinating flowers

C. D. by breaking down and recycling dead

plants

8) Where would you most likely find a Hercules beetles living? (paragraph 2)

A. near a stream B. In an urban area

C. D.

9) Do Hercules beetles have a long or short life cycle compared to other insects? (paragraph 3)

A. The same as other insects B. Short

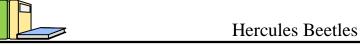
C. Long D.

10) How long does it take for a Hercules beetle to complete its life cycle? (paragraph 3)

A. B. up to five years

C. up to two years D.

Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).



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11) "I can lift 10,000 times my own weight." (paragraph 1)

12) "No one can match my strength. I can lift things 850 times heavier than my own body weight!" (paragraph 1)

