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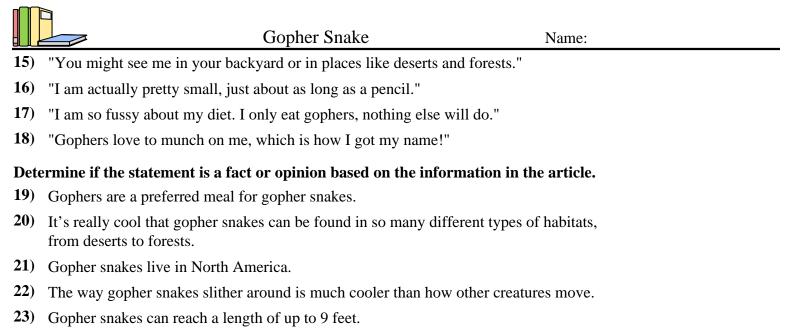
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- 24) The ability of gopher snakes to eat a variety of small creatures is just amazing.
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Determine if the statement is true or false.

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- **31**) Gopher snakes can mimic rattlesnakes to scare off predators.
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- **33**) Gopher snakes can grow up to 9 feet long.
- **34**) Gopher snakes' bite is lethal.
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- **36)** Gopher snakes can grow up to 20 feet long.
- **37)** Gopher snakes eat gophers, mice, birds, and eggs.
- **38)** Gopher snakes are adaptable to different environments.

Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

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- **40)** Why are they called gopher snakes?
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- **42)** Gopher snakes are non-venomous snakes.
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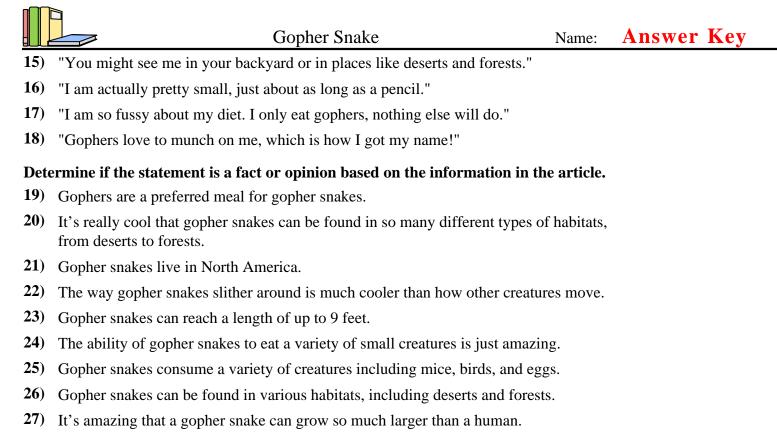
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14) "I can be seen only in Europe."



28) It is amazing that gopher snakes can mimic rattlesnakes to scare off predators.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **29**) Gopher snakes are found across North America.
- **30**) Gopher snakes are only found in California.
- **31**) Gopher snakes can mimic rattlesnakes to scare off predators.
- **32**) Gopher snakes only eat gophers, nothing else.
- **33**) Gopher snakes can grow up to 9 feet long.
- **34**) Gopher snakes' bite is lethal.
- **35**) Gopher snakes can only be found in deserts.
- **36**) Gopher snakes can grow up to 20 feet long.
- **37)** Gopher snakes eat gophers, mice, birds, and eggs.
- **38)** Gopher snakes are adaptable to different environments.

Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- **39)** Gopher snakes are primarily nocturnal and hunt at night.
- **40)** Why are they called gopher snakes?
- 41) Gopher snakes are known for their ability to mimic rattlesnakes.
- 42) Gopher snakes are non-venomous snakes.
- **43)** How do gopher snakes defend themselves?
- **44**) Where do gopher snakes live?

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| Use | the article to answer the questi | ion. | | | | | |
| 1) | 1) Where do gopher snakes often live? (paragraph 2) | | | | | | |
| | A. A variety of places such as d and forests. | leserts B. | Only in forests where they can hide well. | | | | |
| | С. | D. | | | | | |
| 2) | 2) What do gopher snakes do to scare off predators? (paragraph 4) | | | | | | |
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| | C. Mimic rattlesnakes | D. | | | | | |
| 3) | 3) Why are gopher snakes handy to have around? (paragraph 4) | | | | | | |
| | A. They help control pest popul | lations B. | They eat plants | | | | |
| | С. | D. | | | | | |
| 4) | Where can you find gopher snak | es? (paragraph 2) | | | | | |
| | A. Antarctica | B. | | | | | |
| | C. North America | D. | | | | | |
| 5) | What is the favourite food of go | pher snakes? (para | graph 3) | | | | |
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