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Speaking of food, do you know what Emus like to eat? They are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and meat. Their diet includes things like seeds, fruits, insects, and even small lizards. Unlike other birds, Emus swallow small stones and pebbles to help grind up their food in their stomach.



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

- 12) "Guess what? I am the second largest bird in the world, right after the ostrich!"
- 13) "I am very aggressive and will attack anything that comes near me."

- 14) "We are usually peaceful birds, but we know how to stand up for ourselves if we need to."
- 15) "The Sahara Desert is my favorite spot! I just can't stand anything that's not sand."
- 16) "Being an omnivore means I eat both plants and meat. My diet includes seeds, fruits, and insects."
- 17) "I'm a strict carnivore, so you'll never see me munching on seeds or fruits."
- 18) "I only eat leaves, I don't like to eat insects or small lizards."
- 19) "I get tired super quickly and can't travel far."
- 20) "Did you know that when I feel threatened, I can kick really hard, just like a soccer player!"
- 21) "My feathers are all blue, from top to bottom!"
- 22) "I can only survive in cold and snowy places."
- 23) "I am the smallest bird in the whole world!"
- 24) "I only live in the desert parts of Australia, it's the most suitable environment for me."
- 25) "People have been fascinated by us for so long, we are featured in ancient Aboriginal art."

Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- 26) Emus eat both plants and meat.
- 27) It is incredible how Emus swallow small stones and pebbles to help digest their food.
- 28) Emus can survive in areas with high temperatures and little water.
- 29) The fact Emus can survive in areas with high heat and little water is interesting.
- 30) Emus are the second largest birds in the world.
- 31) The way Emus protect themselves by kicking their enemies is cool.
- 32) Emus swallow small stones and pebbles.
- 33) Emus live in a variety of habitats like forests, deserts, and grasslands.
- 34) It is amazing how Emus can adapt to live in different habitats.
- 35) Emus, with their big round body and small head, look a bit weird.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- 36) Emus are omnivores.
- 37) Emus can only fly in short bursts.
- 38) Emus can defend themselves with strong kicks.
- 39) Emus can not live in areas with lots of heat.
- 40) Emus feathers are usually brown.
- 41) Emus only eat meat.
- 42) Emus are the largest birds in the world.
- 43) Emus live only in Africa.
- 44) Emus include small lizards in their diet.
- 45) Emus are the second largest birds in the world.

Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.

- 46) Emus' height is usually around 6 feet, that's taller than many adults!
A. those are B. that is
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- 47) Did you know emus lay green eggs? It's true!
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