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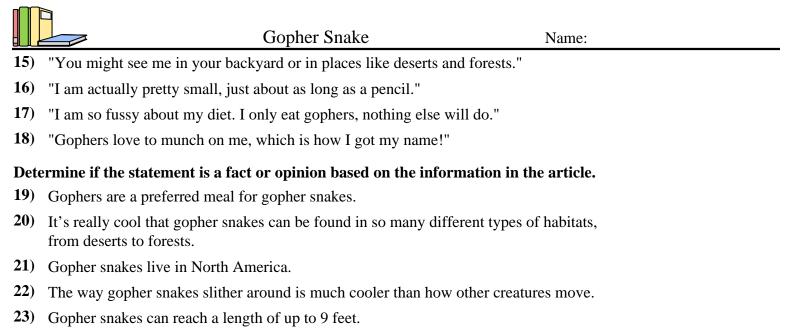


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•)	A. They are pets	B. They eat plants				
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- 24) The ability of gopher snakes to eat a variety of small creatures is just amazing.
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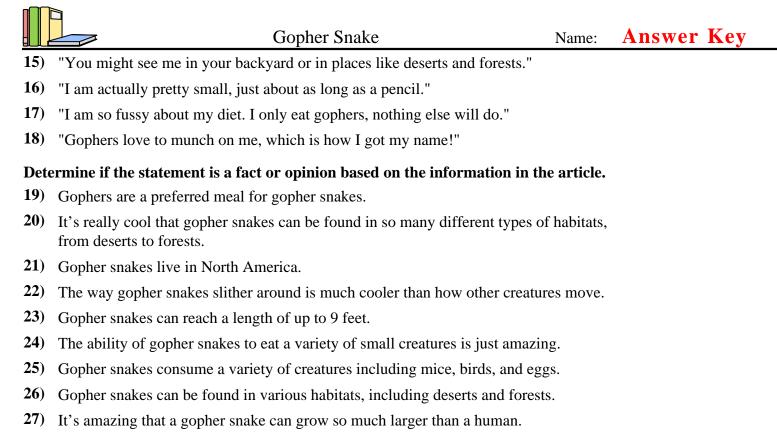
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