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	A. fluffy worm	B.	bright face caterpillar
	C. Asp	D.	long fur caterpillar
10)	What is the appearance of a puss caterpillar's	face	e?
,	A. a bright yellow face		a bright red face
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- 11) "I may look soft and cuddly, but don't be fooled, for my fluff hides venomous spines."
- 12) "When I emerge from my cocoon, instead of a butterfly, you'll see a moth."

	Puss Caterpillar	Name:	
13)	"I hate the taste of leaves, fruits are my favorite!"		
14)	"You might mistake me for a cotton ball, my coat is so fluffy and s	ilky."	
15)	"The southern states of the United States are where I feel most at he	ome."	
16)	"We change from a caterpillar to a beautiful Southern Flannel Mot	h."	
17)	"I turn into a butterfly after leaving my cocoon."		
18)	"My shape is similar to a small shield, which is why some folks cal	ll me an 'asp.'"	
19)	"Unlike you, I do not eat fancy food. I love the simple greens- mos trees and plants."	tly leaves of different	
20)	"I have a pink body with a dark face."		
21)	"You can only find me in the northern United states of America."		
22)	"On hot summer days, you'll find me on shade trees, chilling out."		
23)	"Getting stung by me is no fun and can be painful. So, it's best to k	eep your distance."	
24)	"I eat meat, not leaves."		
25)	"If you see me in the garden, please come and pet me."		

26) "We come in different shades of brown and have a bright red face."

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

- 27) As caterpillars, they primarily feed on leaves of many types of trees and plants.
- **28)** Puss caterpillars are better looking before they transform into moths.
- **29)** These creatures are mostly found in the United States, particularly in the southern parts.
- **30)** There is nothing more surprising than finding out puss caterpillars are venomous.
- **31)** Their body is dark brown and their face is bright red.
- 32) The red face of the puss caterpillar is cuter than that of any other caterpillar.
- **33**) Puss caterpillars have venomous spines in their fur.
- **34)** Puss caterpillars are also called asp.
- **35)** Puss caterpillars have the best defense mechanism among all bugs.
- **36)** Puss caterpillars should be named the cutest caterpillars.

## Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **37)** Puss caterpillars can found on shade trees.
- **38)** People often pet the caterpillars as a way to relieve stress.
- **39)** Puss caterpillars feed on the leaves of many different types of trees and plants.
- **40)** Puss caterpillars have no defenses.
- **41**) Puss caterpillars have venomous spines hidden in their fur.
- **42)** Puss caterpillars have a bright blue face.
- **43**) Puss caterpillars are only found in Asia.
- 44) Puss caterpillars are also known as asp, which means lion in Latin.
- **45**) Puss caterpillars are also known as "asp."
- **46)** Puss caterpillars are covered in a coat of silky hair.

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	lars <u>shouldn't</u> be touched, as their fu							
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C. will not	D.	is not						
<b>48</b> ) Puss caterpil	lars won't be found in cold and snow	y environments—they prefer warn	ner					
climates.								
A. will not	B.	can't						
C. doesn't	D.	isn't						
<b>49</b> ) <u>They're</u> ofter	n found in southern states like Florid	a and Texas.						
A. They we	re B.	They am						
C. They is	D.	They are						
<b>50</b> ) When <u>it's</u> tin	ne to change, they spin a cocoon and	become a beautiful moth.						
A. it is	B.	it has						
C. it am	D.	it was						
<b>51</b> ) Be careful no	ot to touch them, or you'll get a paint	ul sting.						
A. you wou		you can						
C. you will	D.	you have						
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<b>53</b> ) Avoid handl	ing puss caterpillars unless you are	vearing protective gloves.						

- 54) What do puss caterpillars eat?
- 55) It's incredible that puss caterpillars can eat so many types of leaves!
- 56) The puss caterpillar has soft, hair-like spines that cover its body.
- 57) How can you identify puss caterpillars?
- **58)** Puss caterpillars enjoy munching on leaves from trees like oaks, elms, and citrus plants.
- **59**) Where can we find puss caterpillars?
- **60)** Puss caterpillars can be found in the southern United States.
- **61**) Never touch a puss caterpillar.
- 62) How amazing, the puss caterpillar transforms into a beautiful flannel moth!
- 63) Keep an eye out for different colored puss caterpillars.

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- 11) "I may look soft and cuddly, but don't be fooled, for my fluff hides venomous spines."
- 12) "When I emerge from my cocoon, instead of a butterfly, you'll see a moth."

	Puss Caterpillar	Name:	Answer Key
13)	"I hate the taste of leaves, fruits are my favorite!"		
14)	"You might mistake me for a cotton ball, my coat is so fluffy and silky."		
15)	"The southern states of the United States are where I feel most at home."		
<b>16</b> )	"We change from a caterpillar to a beautiful Southern Flannel Moth."		
17)	"I turn into a butterfly after leaving my cocoon."		
18)	"My shape is similar to a small shield, which is why some folks call me an	asp.'"	
<b>19</b> )	"Unlike you, I do not eat fancy food. I love the simple greens- mostly leaves trees and plants."	s of differe	nt
20)	"I have a pink body with a dark face."		
21)	"You can only find me in the northern United states of America."		
22)	"On hot summer days, you'll find me on shade trees, chilling out."		
23)	"Getting stung by me is no fun and can be painful. So, it's best to keep your	distance."	
24)	"I eat meat, not leaves."		
25)	"If you see me in the garden, please come and pet me."		
26)	"We come in different shades of brown and have a bright red face."		
Dete	rmine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in th	ne article.	
27)	As caterpillars, they primarily feed on leaves of many types of trees and pla	nts.	
28)	Puss caterpillars are better looking before they transform into moths.		
29)	These creatures are mostly found in the United States, particularly in the source of t	uthern part	S.
30)	There is nothing more surprising than finding out puss caterpillars are venor	nous.	
31)	Their body is dark brown and their face is bright red.		
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- **32**) The red face of the puss caterpillar is cuter than that of any other caterpillar.
- **33**) Puss caterpillars have venomous spines in their fur.
- **34)** Puss caterpillars are also called asp.
- **35)** Puss caterpillars have the best defense mechanism among all bugs.
- **36)** Puss caterpillars should be named the cutest caterpillars.

## Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **37)** Puss caterpillars can found on shade trees.
- **38)** People often pet the caterpillars as a way to relieve stress.
- **39)** Puss caterpillars feed on the leaves of many different types of trees and plants.
- **40)** Puss caterpillars have no defenses.
- **41**) Puss caterpillars have venomous spines hidden in their fur.
- **42)** Puss caterpillars have a bright blue face.
- **43**) Puss caterpillars are only found in Asia.
- **44)** Puss caterpillars are also known as asp, which means lion in Latin.
- **45**) Puss caterpillars are also known as "asp."
- **46)** Puss caterpillars are covered in a coat of silky hair.

	Puss Cate	erpillar	Name:	Answer Key	
Dete	ermine which choice is the expanded form (	of the underlined contraction.			
<b>47</b> )	Puss caterpillars shouldn't be touched, as the	eir fuzz may cause a painful sting	g.		
	A. shall not	B. should not			
	C. will not	D. is not			
<b>48</b> )	Puss caterpillars <u>won't</u> be found in cold and s climates.		er warmer		
	A. will not	B. can't			
	C. doesn't	D. isn't			
<b>49</b> )	They're often found in southern states like Fl				
	A. They were	B. They am			
	C. They is	D. They are			
50)	When <u>it's</u> time to change, they spin a cocoon	and become a beautiful moth.			
	A. it is	B. it has			
	C. it am	D. it was			
51)	Be careful not to touch them, or you'll get a	painful sting.			
	A. you would	B. you can			
	C. you will	D. you have			
Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).					
52)	It's unbelievable that underneath all that fur, weapon - venomous spines!	, the puss caterpillar carries a da	ngerous		
53)	Avoid handling puss caterpillars unless you	are wearing protective gloves.			

- 54) What do puss caterpillars eat?
- 55) It's incredible that puss caterpillars can eat so many types of leaves!
- 56) The puss caterpillar has soft, hair-like spines that cover its body.
- 57) How can you identify puss caterpillars?
- 58) Puss caterpillars enjoy munching on leaves from trees like oaks, elms, and citrus plants.
- ) Where can we find puss caterpillars?
- **60)** Puss caterpillars can be found in the southern United States.
- ) Never touch a puss caterpillar.
- 62) How amazing, the puss caterpillar transforms into a beautiful flannel moth!
- **63)** Keep an eye out for different colored puss caterpillars.

			Puss Caterpill	lar		Name:	Answer Key
1.	A	26.	true	51.	С		
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7.	A	32.	opinion	57.	interrogative		
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9.	C	34.	fact	59.	interrogative	_	
10.	B	35.	opinion	60.	declarative	_	
11.	true	36.	opinion	61.	imperative	_	
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#### **Puss** Caterpillar Solve each problem. Use the article to answer the question. 1) What are puss caterpillars covered with? (paragraph 1) A. hair B. scales C. D. 2) What is the defense mechanism of puss caterpillars? (paragraph 4) A. poisonous saliva in the mouth B. venomous spines in their fur C. D. 3) What do puss caterpillars transform into? (paragraph 3) B. a southern flannel moth A. C. D. 4) What do puss caterpillars feed on? (paragraph 3) A. small mammals Β. C. D. leaves from plants 5) What does the Latin word 'aspis' mean? (paragraph 1) B. a big rock A. C. a small shield D. 6) Where would you most likely find a puss caterpillar? (paragraph 2) A. in shade trees and garden plants B. In rivers and swamps C. D. 7) What happens if you touch a puss caterpillar? (paragraph 4) A. It can cause a painful sting B. C. D. 8) What color is the body under the fluffy exterior of puss caterpillars? (paragraph 1) B. dark brown A. C. D 9) What is another name for the puss caterpillar? (paragraph 1) B. bright face caterpillar A. C. Asp D. 10) What is the appearance of a puss caterpillar's face? (paragraph 1) A. a bright yellow face B. a bright red face

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