

AB: Text-based Tasks

English M 7

Ants

On its own, one ant is not very powerful, but ants in a group behave like a single strong animal. An ant mega-group is called a colony and is ruled by a queen. She is served by thousands of daughters, called workers, and protected by soldiers. The soldiers guard the colony and often have huge jaws and a painful sting.

Ants eat lots of different foods. Army ants march through forests and catch unlucky creepy-crawlies. Honeypot ants swell up as they store sweet nectar from flowers in their bellies -people in Australia and North America used to suck them like candy!

Leafcutter ants are farmers.

The workers cut leaves and carry them to their nest. Here the leaves rot and fungi grow on them.

The ants then eat the fungi.

A leafcutter ant nest may be home to five million female workers!

Listen to the text



① Right or wrong ? Tick the correct statement.

	Right	Wrong
A single ant is not strong.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A group of ants is as strong as a human.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A colony is the name of worker ants.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soldiers are protecting the nest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People ate ants like candy!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leafcutter ants eat leaves.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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② Finish the sentences with information found in the text.

For example:

A huge group of ants ... A huge group of ants is called a colony.

a) **Soldier ants**

b) **Ants eat**

③ Answer the questions in complete sentences.

For example:

When do ants become powerful?

Ants become powerful when they are in a large group.

1) **Who rules the colony?**

2) **What do leafcutter ants eat?**

