

Nikko wrote a report about a type of mold. Read his draft below, and then answer the questions based on it.

¹ In 1973, a man working in his backyard in Dallas, Texas, found something strange. ² He discovered a quivering, jelly-like blob about the size of a large pizza. ³ The blob was alive. ⁴ Scientists who arrived on the scene identified it. ⁵ The blob was a yellow slime mold.

⁶ Some scientists are interested in studying this type of slime mold. ⁷ Most people would avoid a blob of yellow goo, and these scientists want to know how this mold without a brain can make smart decisions. ⁸ Everyone needs to be able to make good decisions.

⁹ These slime molds can explore an area to find the best path to food. ¹⁰ They remember routes that turned out to be dead-ends. ¹¹ They can come across problems and figure out what to do. ¹² Scientists have discovered that slime molds can even solve a maze.

¹³ This type of yellow slime mold form when tiny single cells merges into one giant cell. ¹⁴ It lives in soil, where it breaks down each rotting leaves, grass, and wood. ¹⁵ When wood is plentiful, the slime mold will increase in size, and the pizza-sized blob can be the result. ¹⁶ Some can grow even larger. ¹⁷ The slime mold indeed moves constantly. ¹⁸ It shrinks and expands with pulsing motions, crawling along in one direction at up to 1.5 inches per hour.

¹⁹ Slime molds are one of the planet's oldest life forms. ²⁰ They first appeared between six hundred million and one billion years ago. ²¹ Today, more than nine hundred species of slime mold exist.

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Which sentence should be left out of the report?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 8
- C. Sentence 14
- D. Sentence 21