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101 New Pets for Aunt Lee

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Cindy loved animals. Every day she went to help Aunt Lee feed her two pet chickens, Molly and Lulu.

Today Aunt Lee had a surprise. "Guess what, Cindy? I have 101 new pets. Do you want to see?"

"Wow! Do you have 101 hens like Molly and Lulu?" Cindy asked.

Aunt Lee shook her head. "My yard isn't big enough for 101 chickens."

Cindy looked everywhere, "Where are your new pets, Aunt Lee?"

"Right here." Aunt Lee pointed to a round box. "See the tiny holes in the top and sides. My pets need fresh air."

Cindy looked in a hole. "Your new pets must be little."

"They are. They like to eat coffee grounds and banana peels. Try to guess what they are."

"Do they have fur?"

"No."

"Do they bark or meow?"

"No. They don't say anything."

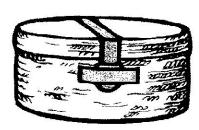
"Do they have four legs?"

"They don't have any legs. They turn banana peels into soil. Can you guess what my pets are?"

Cindy shook her head.

Aunt Lee opened the box. "They are worms! Do you want to hold one?"

"No, thank you." Cindy put her hands behind her back. "Maybe later, but call me if you get a kitten."



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1.	How does Cindy help Aunt Lee?
2.	What did Aunt Lee keep her new pets in?
3.	What do Aunt Lee's new pets eat?
4.	What were Aunt Lee's new pets?
5.	Did Cindy like Aunt Lee's new pets? Why or why not?
6.	Aunt Lee had 101 new pets in the box. She found 5 more and put them in the box. How many did she have in all? Use your math skills.