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From fish-filled waters, let's move to where these fascinating birds choose to live. Herons can be found in wetlands all over the world, from the swamps of Florida to the rivers of Africa. They build their nests high up in trees, safe from predators and close to their food source. These nests can be quite large, often housing several heron chicks at once.



Speaking of chicks, let's take a quick peek into the life cycle of a heron. After a female heron lays her eggs, both parents take turns sitting on the nest to keep the eggs warm. When the chicks hatch, they're cared for by both parents until they're old enough to leave the nest and fend for themselves. And guess what, these wonderful birds can live up to 15 years in the wild!

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- 51) The heron won't fly away.
 - A. will not
 - B. isn't
 - C. can not
 - D. didn't
- 52) There's a heron standing by the pond.
 - A. There has
 - B. There does
 - C. There was
 - D. There is
- 53) You're likely to spot a heron near water bodies.
 - A. You are
 - B. You have
 - C. You does
 - D. You was
- 54) I've seen a heron hunting for fish.
 - A. I does
 - B. I is
 - C. I have
 - D. I was

Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 55) Herons can stand still for a long time while waiting for their prey.
- 56) Herons have been known to choke on fish that are too large - what a risky meal!
- 57) A group of herons is called a siege, it's a quirky name!
- 58) The heron's long and thin legs are perfect for wading into water, it's absolutely ingenious!
- 59) Herons nest in groups called heronries, which can include hundreds of birds - it's astonishing!
- 60) Herons have long beaks that they use to catch their food.
- 61) Can herons swim?
- 62) Black herons use their wings to make an umbrella, creating shade and attracting fish - they're genius!
- 63) Herons build their nests in trees or on the ground.
- 64) What are the different species of herons?
- 65) The largest heronries can span several acres and include thousands of nests - it's quite a spectacle!
- 66) Are herons solitary birds?
- 67) Some herons, like the Boat-Billed Heron, are night hunters - the variety is truly surprising!
- 68) Herons have necks that can snap forward like a springtrap to catch their prey - such a clever hunting method!
- 69) Great blue herons can live up to 15 years - That's longer than most dog breeds!
- 70) Herons can spend up to 90% of their day feeding, that's some serious commitment!



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