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- 55) There's over 100,000 species of flies around the world.
 - A. There is
 - B. There were
 - C. There are
 - D. There will be
- 56) House flies can't fly very far at a time.
 - A. will not
 - B. should not
 - C. are not
 - D. cannot
- 57) It's important to wash our hands after touching a house fly.
 - A. It is
 - B. It was
 - C. It has
 - D. It will
- 58) They're considered one of the fastest flying insects.
 - A. They will
 - B. They were
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 - D. They do

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

- 59) Look at how fast house flies can move!
- 60) Explain why it's important to keep houseflies away from our food.
- 61) What do house flies do when they find food?
- 62) Wow, house flies can walk on walls and ceilings!
- 63) It is important to keep our homes clean to avoid attracting house flies.
- 64) How long does it take for a house fly to grow from an egg to an adult?
- 65) The life cycle of a house fly only takes about two weeks.
- 66) Can house flies carry diseases?
- 67) House flies have big red eyes and transparent wings.
- 68) Be careful not to leave any uncovered food to avoid attracting house flies.
- 69) House flies eat by vomiting on their food, how gross!
- 70) Please close the windows to keep the house flies outside.



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| 2. | A | 27. | Would | 52. | true |
| 3. | C | 28. | Not | 53. | false |
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