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- 50) Mallards can't fly immediately after they're hatched.
 - A. can
 - B. are able
 - C. will not
 - D. cannot
- 51) Mallards aren't found only in North America, you'll see them all around the world.
 - A. are not
 - B. cannot
 - C. will not
 - D. do not
- 52) Mallards don't sleep with both eyes closed, they keep one eye open when they sleep.
 - A. are not
 - B. will not
 - C. do not
 - D. cannot

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

- 53) Mallards are known for their bright green heads.
- 54) Mallards can fly up to 55 miles per hour, that's incredibly fast!
- 55) That mallards prefer living in wetlands is rather fascinating!
- 56) Mallards are one of the most abundant types of wild duck, that's incredible!
- 57) Get this, it's unbelievable that mallards never sleep fully, one eye is always open!
- 58) Mallards can be found in ponds, lakes, and rivers.
- 59) Can mallards swim?
- 60) The colourful head of the male mallard is truly astonishing!
- 61) Mallards build their nests on the ground.
- 62) What is a male mallard called?
- 63) Isn't it astonishing that during migration, mallards can travel thousands of miles!
- 64) Where do mallards live?
- 65) Mallards have a strong sense of sight, they can see more colors than we do, how fascinating!
- 66) It's amazing that female mallards have a more subdued color to blend with their surroundings!
- 67) The "quack" sound is specifically made by female mallards, isn't that fun!
- 68) Can you believe that mallards can live up to 20 years!



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