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- 49) I've seen a ring-necked duck at the pond near my house.
 - A. I have
 - B. I was
 - C. I had
 - D. I am
- 50) Ring-necked ducks don't have actual rings around their necks.
 - A. does not
 - B. cannot
 - C. did not
 - D. do not
- 51) Ring-necked ducks can't fly until they're 60 days old.
 - A. cannot
 - B. can
 - C. will not
 - D. could not
- 52) They're known for their bold white rings around their bills.
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Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 53) Ring-necked ducks can migrate long distances.
- 54) Ring-necked ducks are often mistaken for Scaups, isn't that funny!
- 55) It's astonishing that ring-necked ducks prefer deeper, more remote waters!
- 56) It's amazing how the female ring-necked duck builds her nest from aquatic plants!
- 57) These ducks are dive for their food, isn't that fascinating!
- 58) Ring-necked ducks eat aquatic plants, seeds, and insects.
- 59) What is the lifespan of a ring-necked duck?
- 60) The migration of Ring-necked ducks is impressive!
- 61) The female ring-necked duck lays 8-12 eggs.
- 62) Why are ring-necked ducks called "ring-necked"?
- 63) Wow, they have a maximum flight speed of 50 miles per hour!
- 64) What do ring-necked ducks eat?
- 65) Ring-necked ducks are strong and fast fliers, how exciting!
- 66) Wow! The average lifespan of a ring-necked duck in the wild is around 11 years!
- 67) Their name comes from a faint brownish ring around the neck of the male, which is hard to see, such an interesting fact!
- 68) These ducks are often seen plunging their heads underwater in the search for food, what a sight!



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