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- 51) They'll eat fish and other small creatures.
  - A. They are
  - B. They will
  - C. They have
  - D. They do
- 52) I'd say their nest are quite large.
  - A. I would
  - B. I have
  - C. I do
  - D. I am
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  - A. is not
  - B. have not
  - C. do not
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- 54) It's a bird that's well known for its bald, dark head.
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**Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).**

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- 57) How many eggs does a wood stork lay?
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