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- 54) Lice aren't the same as fleas or ticks.
- A. are not
 - B. will not
 - C. do not
 - D. is not

- 55) Human lice don't live on pets.
- A. did not
 - B. does not
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 - D. will not

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

- 56) Lice infestations can happen to anyone, regardless of how clean your hair is!
- 57) Please don't scratch your head if you have lice!
- 58) How are lice different from other insects?
- 59) Wow, lice can move from one head to another so quickly!
- 60) Lice are small, wingless insects that live on human hair.
- 61) Do lice only live on humans?
- 62) The life cycle begins when a female louse lays her eggs, called nits, on human hair strands.
- 63) Do lice carry any diseases?
- 64) Lice can cause itching and irritation on our scalp when they feed on our blood.
- 65) Please comb your hair slowly and carefully to remove lice.
- 66) Yuck, lice crawl around on your scalp!
- 67) Avoid sharing items like hats, combs, or headphones to prevent the spread of lice.



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