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  - B. They will
  - C. They can
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  - A. are not
  - B. were not
  - C. is not
  - D. will not
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  - A. can
  - B. do not
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Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

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- 54) Release monarch butterflies back into the wild after observing them.
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- 56) It's astounding how a monarch butterfly can travel up to 3000 miles during its migration!
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