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- 44)** Centipedes won't harm your plants, since they eat other bugs.  
A. cannot                                      B. will not  
C. do not                                        D. are not
- 45)** It's important to leave centipedes alone because they're helpful to our ecosystem.  
A. It is    B. It was  
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**Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).**

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- 52)** Are centipedes insects?
- 53)** Do centipedes have eyes?
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- 55)** Centipedes usually live outdoors in forests and gardens.
- 56)** Can centipedes regenerate lost legs?
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