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40) Toucans look cute with their small bodies and big, colorful beaks.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- 41) Female toucans can lay 4 eggs at one time.
- 42) Toucans are aggressive and have many enemies.
- 43) Toucans make their home in trees.
- 44) Toucans have a long, thin legs that make them excellent climbers.
- 45) Toucans primarily eat fruits and insects.
- 46) The beak of a toucan is heavy due to its size.
- 47) Toucans lay up to 14 eggs at one time.
- 48) When toucan chicks hatch, they immediately fly off to start their lives.
- 49) Toucans eat eggs and small animals.
- 50) Toucans are very strong climbers.

Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.

- 51) Toucans shouldn't be kept as pets because they need their natural habitat.
 - A. should
 - B. should not
 - C. could not
 - D. would not
- 52) It's important to protect toucans and their habitat from illegal pet trade.
 - A. It is
 - B. It has
 - C. It was
 - D. It does
- 53) Toucans don't just eat fruit, they also eat insects and small lizards.
 - A. does not
 - B. cannot
 - C. did not
 - D. do not
- 54) Toucans can't fly long distances and prefer to hop between trees.
 - A. cannot
 - B. can
 - C. do not
 - D. will not
- 55) When toucans lay eggs, they're in tree cavities.
 - A. there were
 - B. they were
 - C. they are
 - D. there are

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

- 56) Toucans can fly, but they prefer to hop or walk on branches.
- 57) Do toucans fly?
- 58) Toucans eat fruits, insects, and even small reptiles.
- 59) Toucans live in the rainforests of South America.
- 60) How long can a toucan's beak grow?
- 61) What colors are toucans?



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Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it is not something the animal would say (N).

12) "My bright colors make me easily noticeable to predators." (paragraph 4)