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A. spread diseases to other animals B. dig up gardens and burrow under structures
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- 3) Where do Colorado chipmunks live?
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- 11) "We like to have cozy homes, so we live in nests in trees or in burrows we dig in the ground."
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Colorado Chipmunk

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- 43) Colorado chipmunks don't stay awake during winter, they hibernate.
A. does not B. will not
C. cannot D. do not
- 44) They'll gather food in their cheek pouches and take it back to their burrows.
A. they will B. they would
C. they can D. they shall
- 45) Chipmunks can't fly, but they can jump really far between tree branches.
A. do not B. can
C. cannot D. will not

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

- 46) Colorado chipmunks communicate with each other using a series of chirps and calls.
- 47) How fast can Colorado chipmunks run?
- 48) Colorado chipmunks are excellent climbers and can easily scamper up trees and rocks.
- 49) Colorado chipmunks love to eat nuts, seeds, and berries.
- 50) Do Colorado chipmunks hibernate during winter?
- 51) What is the average lifespan of a Colorado chipmunk?



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| 6. | A | 31. | true | | |
| 7. | A | 32. | false | | |
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| 20. | Not | 45. | C | | |
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| 22. | opinion | 47. | interrogative | | |
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(paragraph 2)