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 C. They had D. They can
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 A. can and B. can so
 C. can but D. cannot
- 54) Ostriches don't have teeth, they swallow pebbles to grind their food.
 A. do not B. does not
 C. have not D. did not
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Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 56) Ostriches cannot fly but can run very fast.
- 57) Ostriches run faster than horses, that's terrifically fast!
- 58) Despite their huge size, ostriches lay the biggest eggs in the world, that's unbelievable!
- 59) Ostrich feathers are used for making dusters, that's a strange use!
- 60) It's amazing but ostriches cannot walk backward!
- 61) Ostriches are the largest birds in the world.
- 62) Do ostriches have long necks?
- 63) It's astonishing but ostriches can survive without water for days!
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- 66) These birds use their wings as rudders to change direction while running, that's so clever!
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- 68) In the wild, ostriches spend the winter months in pairs or alone, that's a lonely time!
- 69) Their powerful long legs can kill a human or a potential predator like a lion, that's scary!
- 70) An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain, that's incredibly weird!
- 71) Ostriches can live up to 40 to 45 years, what a long life!

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