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A. they will B. they do  
C. they are D. they would
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- 45) Coyotes aren't picky eaters, so they'll eat lots of different things.  
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**Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).**

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