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- 40) Green iguanas are native to North America.
- 41) Green iguanas only eat slugs and snails.
- 42) Green iguanas are vegetarian.
- 43) Green iguanas can grow up to six feet long.

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

- 44) Iguanas lay eggs, and they'll usually lay between 20 and 70 at a time.
  - A. they are
  - B. they will
  - C. they were
  - D. they have
- 45) It's important not to release pet green iguanas into the wild, as they can harm local ecosystems.
  - A. It is
  - B. It was
  - C. It has
  - D. It will
- 46) Green iguanas don't have sharp teeth, but they've got small, serrated ones.
  - A. are not
  - B. can not
  - C. will not
  - D. do not
- 47) Green iguanas can't change their color as much as chameleons, but they still can a little.
  - A. cannot
  - B. are not
  - C. do not
  - D. will not
- 48) They're cold-blooded, so they need to warm up in the sun before starting their day.
  - A. They will
  - B. They were
  - C. They are
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**Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).**

- 49) Green iguanas are herbivores and eat a diet of leaves, fruits, and flowers.
- 50) How do green iguanas defend themselves?
- 51) Green iguanas have a lifespan of about 10 to 15 years in the wild.
- 52) Green iguanas are found in Central and South America.
- 53) Do green iguanas change color?
- 54) Are green iguanas dangerous?



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- 49.     **declarative**
- 50.     **interrogative**

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

12) "Meat is my favorite food, especially insects and small animals." (paragraph 3)