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Boxelder Bugs

- 45) Boxelder bugs only eat smaller insects.
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Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- **48)** Boxelder bugs like to live in boxelder trees and other types of maple trees.
- **49)** Boxelder bugs are attracted to the boxelder trees, it's astonishing!
- 50) It's amazing how boxelder bugs hibernate in buildings during winter!
- 51) Can you believe that boxelder bugs are a bright red color when they are young!
- 52) It's weird that boxelder bugs release a pungent and foul odor when squashed!
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- 54) Do boxelder bugs bite?
- 55) Boxelder bugs love warm weather, just like us!
- **56**) Boxelder bugs are not harmful to people and do not cause any damage to homes or buildings.
- 57) What is the habitat of boxelder bugs?
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- 60) Boxelder bugs change to black and red when they are adults, that's incredible!
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- 62) Despite their annoying behavior, boxelder bugs don't cause any real damage, that's a surprise!
- 63) Boxelder bugs do not bite or sting, that's a relief!

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34)	Boxelder bugs do not harm humans as they do not sting or bite.					
35)	Boxelder bugs have six legs, two antennae, and wings.					
36)	Boxelder bugs look cool because of their black and red stripes.					
37)	It is impressive to see hundreds of boxelder bugs gathered in large groups.					
Dete	ermine if the statement is true or false.					
38)	Boxelder bugs can live up to a year.					
39)	Boxelder bugs live for only a single day.					
40)	Boxelder bugs have a distinctive red stripe pattern on their bodies.					
41)	Boxelder bugs have eight legs.					
42)	Boxelder bugs can usually be found in and around boxelder trees.					
43)	Boxelder bugs lay eggs in the winter.					
44)	Boxelder bugs get their name because they often live in boxes.					
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- 45) Boxelder bugs only eat smaller insects.
- **46)** Boxelder bugs do not bite or sting.
- **47**) Boxelder bugs are about half an inch long.

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

- **48)** Boxelder bugs like to live in boxelder trees and other types of maple trees.
- **49)** Boxelder bugs are attracted to the boxelder trees, it's astonishing!
- 50) It's amazing how boxelder bugs hibernate in buildings during winter!
- 51) Can you believe that boxelder bugs are a bright red color when they are young!
- 52) It's weird that boxelder bugs release a pungent and foul odor when squashed!
- 53) Boxelder bugs have black bodies and red lines on their wings.
- 54) Do boxelder bugs bite?
- 55) Boxelder bugs love warm weather, just like us!
- **56)** Boxelder bugs are not harmful to people and do not cause any damage to homes or buildings.
- 57) What is the habitat of boxelder bugs?
- 58) Boxelder bugs are very good climbers, that's quite impressive!
- **59**) How long do boxelder bugs live?
- 60) Boxelder bugs change to black and red when they are adults, that's incredible!
- **61**) The adult boxelder bug is 1/2 inch long, that's quite small!
- 62) Despite their annoying behavior, boxelder bugs don't cause any real damage, that's a surprise!
- 63) Boxelder bugs do not bite or sting, that's a relief!

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1.	D	26.	false	51.	exclamatory	_	
2.	B	27.	true	52.	exclamatory		
3.	В	28.	fact	53.	declarative	_	
4.	В	29.	opinion	54.	interrogative	_	
5.	D	30.	fact	55.	exclamatory	_	
6.	D	31.	opinion	56.	declarative	_	
7.	Α	32.	fact	57.	interrogative	_	
8.	В	33.	opinion	58.	exclamatory	_	
9.	C	34.	fact	59.	interrogative	_	
10.	A	35.	fact	60.	exclamatory		
11.	true	36.	opinion	61.	exclamatory	_	
12.	true	37.	opinion	62.	exclamatory	_	
13.	true	38.	true	63.	exclamatory	_	
14.	false	39.	false				
15.	true	40.	true				
16.	false	41.	false				
17.	false	42.	true				
18.	true	43.	false				
19.	true	44.	false				
20.	true	45.	false				
21.	false	46.	true				
22.	true	47.	true				
23.	false	48.	declarative				
24.	true	49.	exclamatory				
25.	false	50.	exclamatory				
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Solve each problem.

	the article to answer the question.						
1)	What color stripe pattern can be seen on boxelder bugs' bodies? (paragraph 1)						
	A. yellow C.	B. D	red				
			100				
2)	What do boxelder bugs prefer to eat? (paragraph		Souds and looves				
	A. Twigs and bark C.	ь. D.	Seeds and leaves				
3)	When do boxelder bugs start out as eggs? (para						
	A. in the winter C.	в. D.	in the spring				
	С.	D.					
4)	Where do boxelder bugs like to hang out? (par						
	A. Palm trees		Boxelder trees				
	С.	D.					
5)	Why might boxelder bugs enter your home?	parag	raph 4)				
	А.		because they're lost				
	С.	D.	to escape the cold				
6)	How many legs do boxelder bugs have? (paragraph 1)						
	A. eight	В.					
	С.	D.	six				
7)	When do boxelder bugs transform into adults? (paragraph 3)						
	A. by summer	В.	by fall				
	С.	D.					
8)	How long can boxelder bugs live? (paragraph 3)						
	A. up to a day	B.	up to a year				
	C.	D.					
9)	Are boxelder bugs harmful to humans or other animals? (paragraph 4)						
,	A. Only to birds		Yes				
	C. No	D.					
10)	Do boxelder bugs bite or sting? (paragraph 4)						
	A. no	B.	only females				
	С.	D.	-				

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

11) "Don't worry, I'm not harmful to you." (paragraph 4)



12) "I'm pretty small. Only half an inch long." (paragraph 1)

