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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).

11) "We skunks usually avoid humans but if we feel scared or cornered, we might spray. So, it's best to admire us from a distance." (paragraph 4)



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12) "We are active mostly at night and like to sleep in burrows during the day. That's because we are nocturnal creatures." (paragraph 2)

