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While on their journeys, swallows have a pretty interesting diet. They eat all sorts of insects like flies, beetles and moths, which they catch mid-flight! Isn't that cool? They don't need to stop for a meal. This high-protein diet helps them keep their energy up for all that flying.

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- 3) What does it mean if a bird is migratory?
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Determine if the statement is true or false.

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