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

12) "My bright colors make me easily noticeable to predators." (paragraph 4)