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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) "In the winter months, you can find us garter snakes sunbathing." (paragraph 3)
- 12) "Did you know that I give birth to live young instead of laying eggs like most snakes?" (paragraph 3)