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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 cougars live up to 50 years in the wild. We have a very long lifespan." (paragraph 4)
- 12) "You might find me in the rainforests of South America or the snowy mountains of Canada!" (paragraph 2)