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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) "I don't use my front claws when hunting." (paragraph 3)

12) "I prefer to live in freezing regions." (paragraph 2)