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11) "I love living in cold environments." (paragraph 2)



12) "My lifespan is very long, lasting for several years." (paragraph 3)

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