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11) "When it's time for us to become parents, the female lays her eggs in a nest near the water." (paragraph 3)



12) "I lure predators away from my nest by pretending I'm hurt." (paragraph 4)

