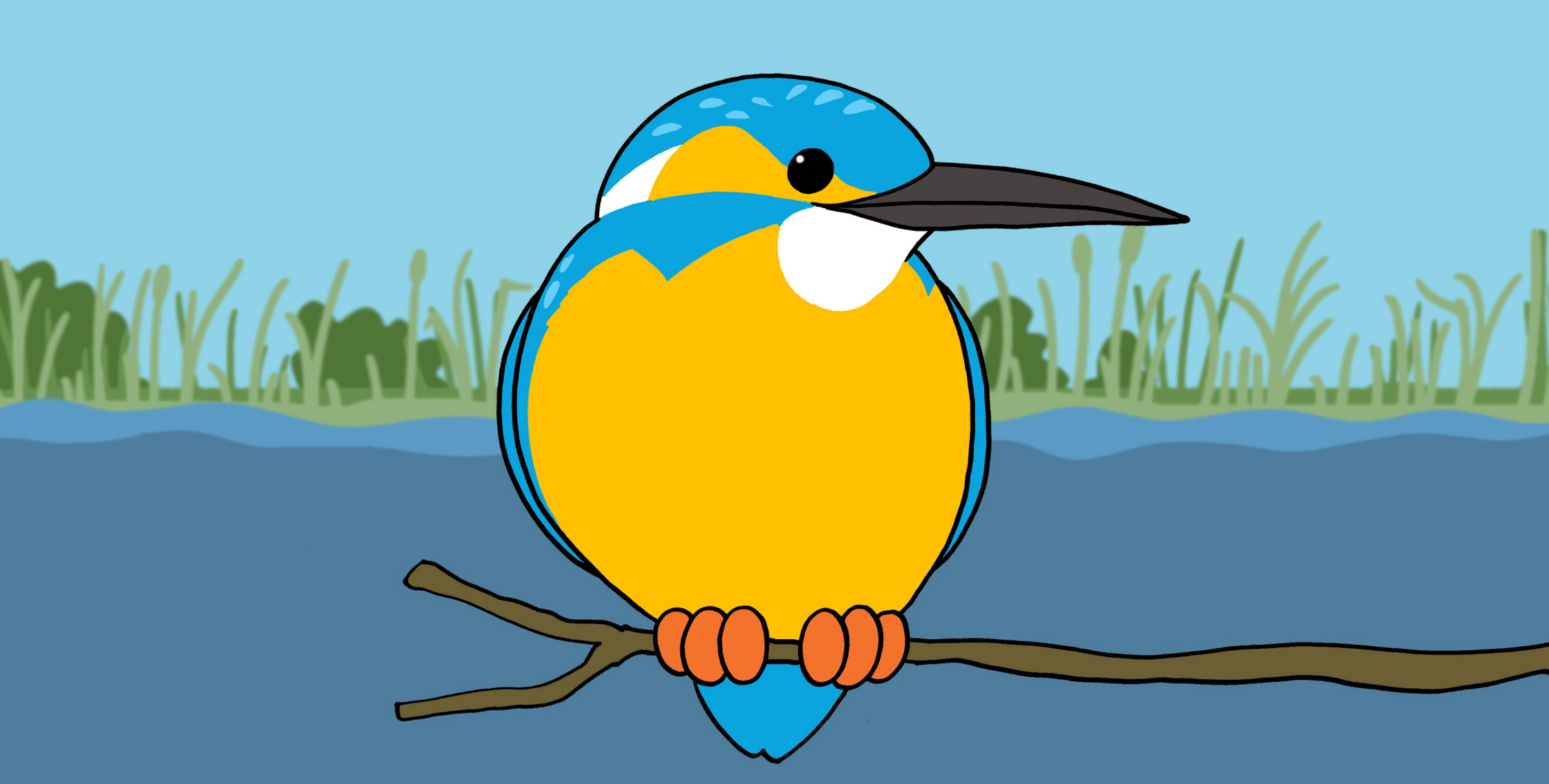


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Kingfisher

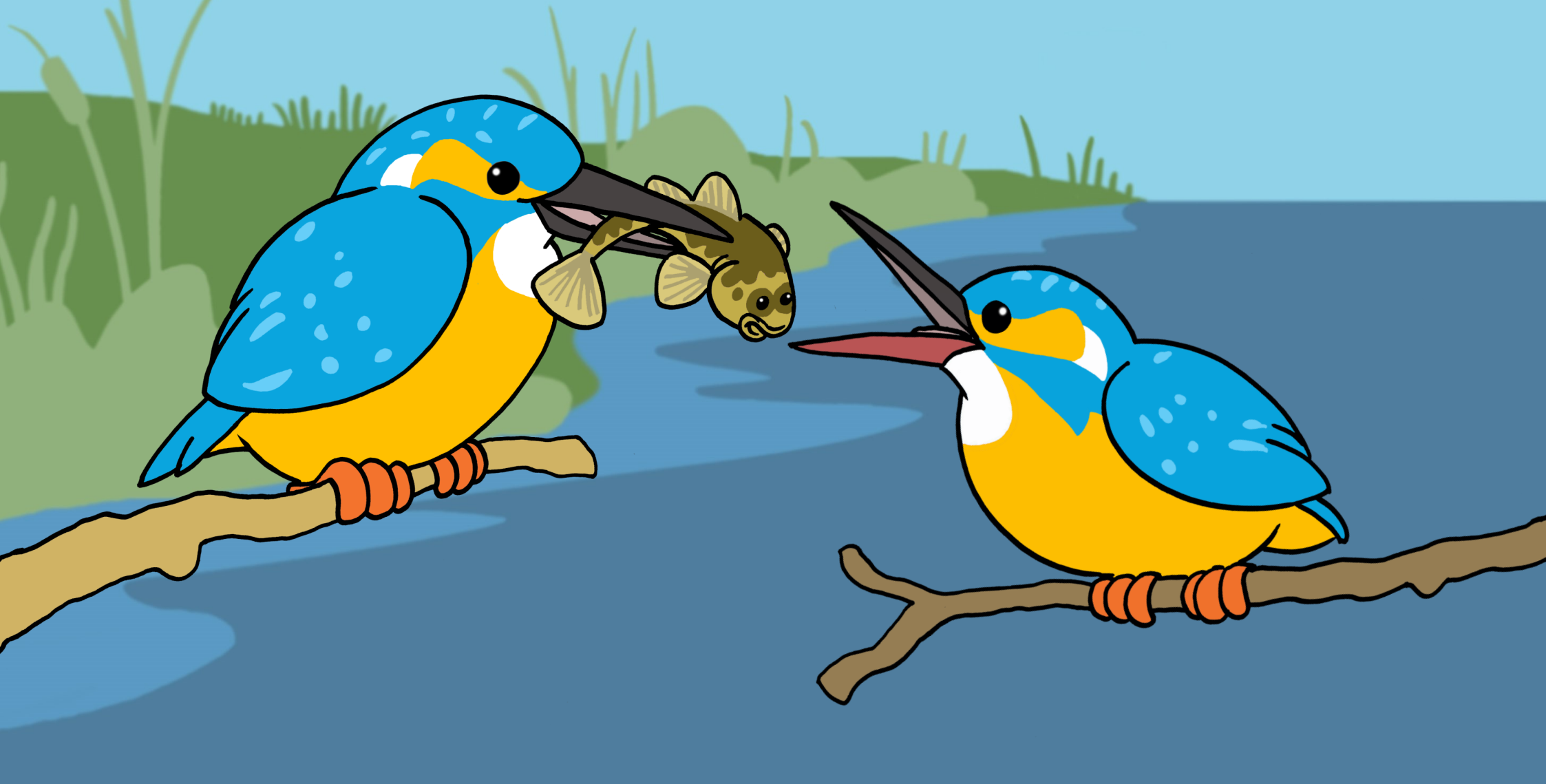


This is a kingfisher. It has blue, orange and white feathers.
It is not very big. You could hold it in your hands.



Kingfishers are fast birds.

They whizz along the river, flapping their wings quickly.



Male kingfishers have beaks that are all black. He gives a fish to a female kingfisher. Her lower beak is red.



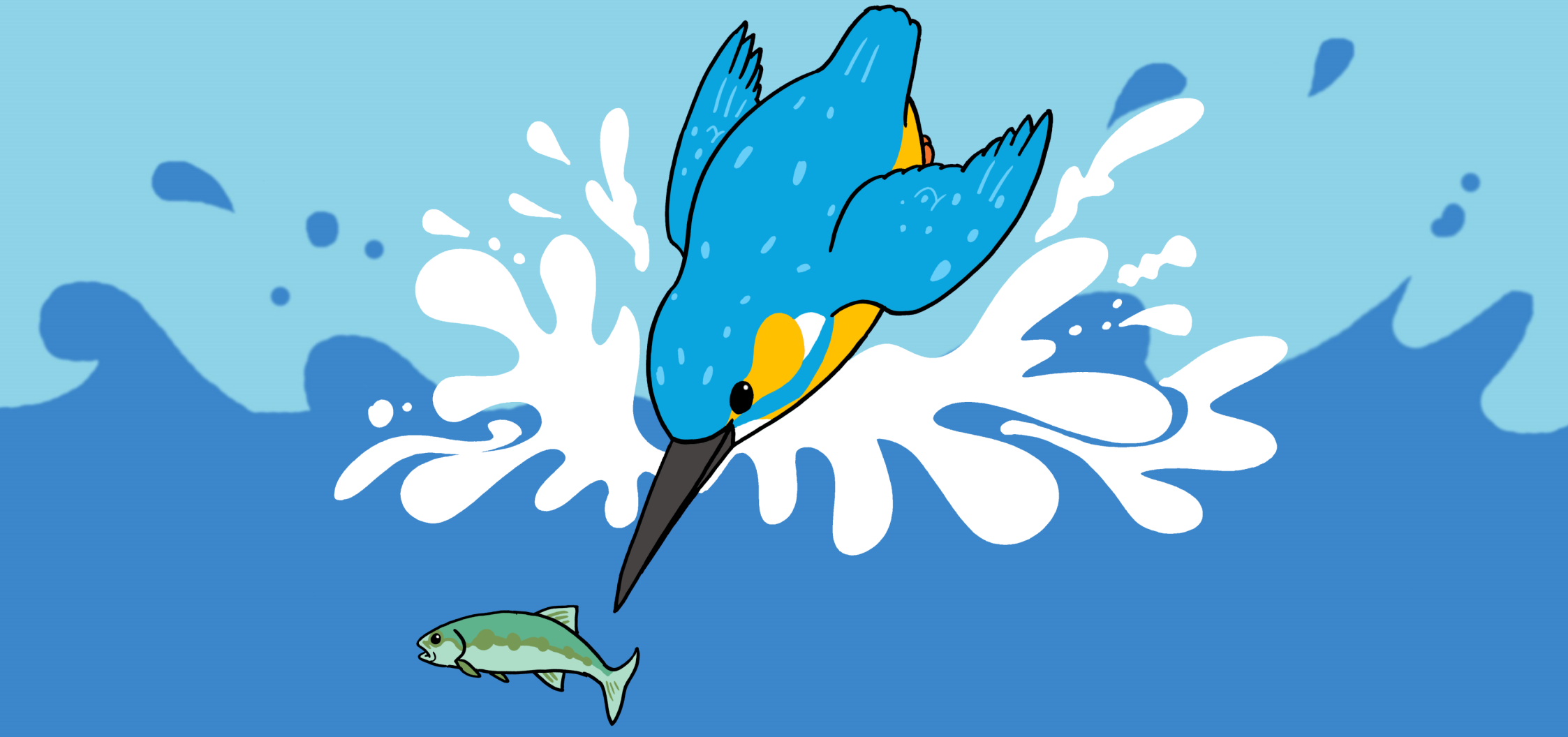
They have a nest in the river bank. This helps keep the birds safe, as there is something special inside...



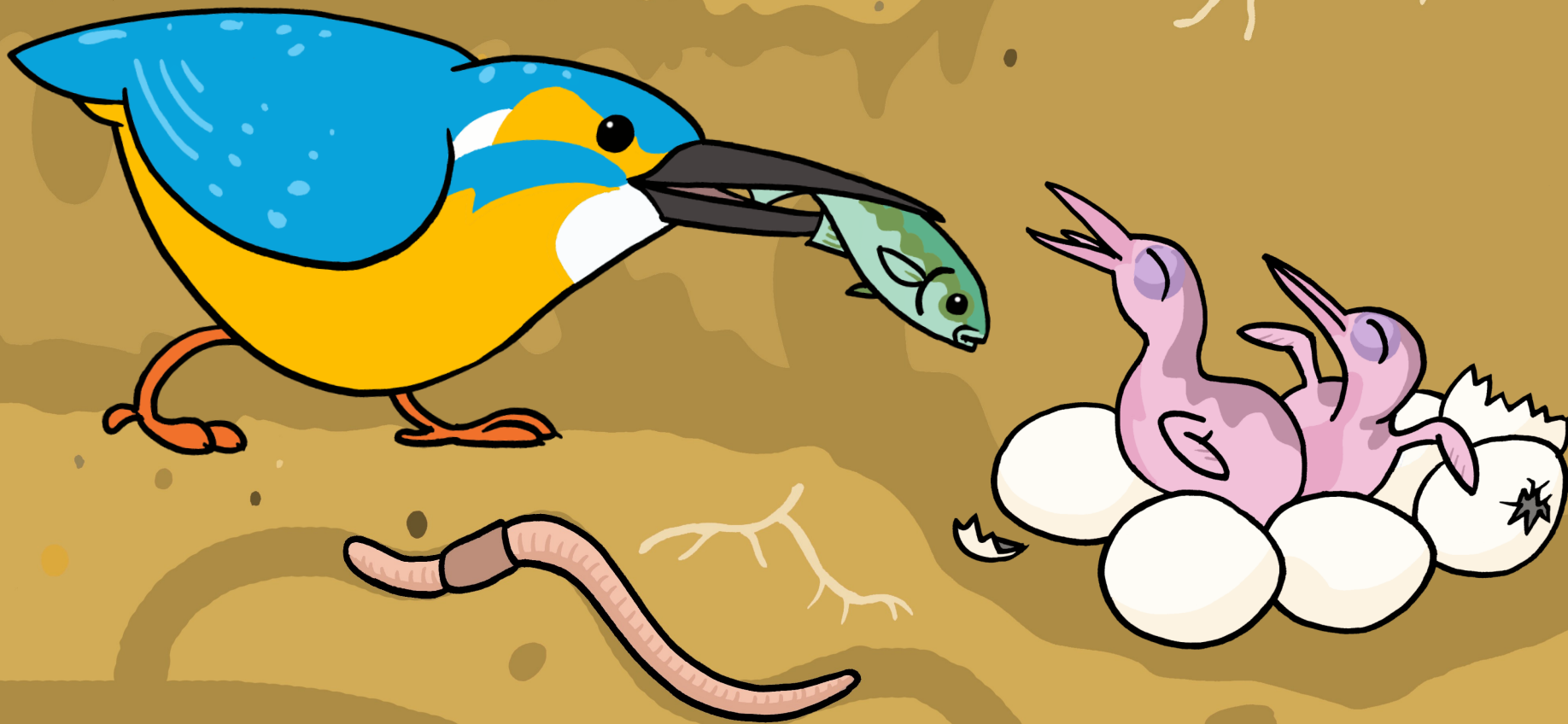
The female has laid 7 white eggs. Both of the parents help to keep the eggs warm by gently sitting on them.



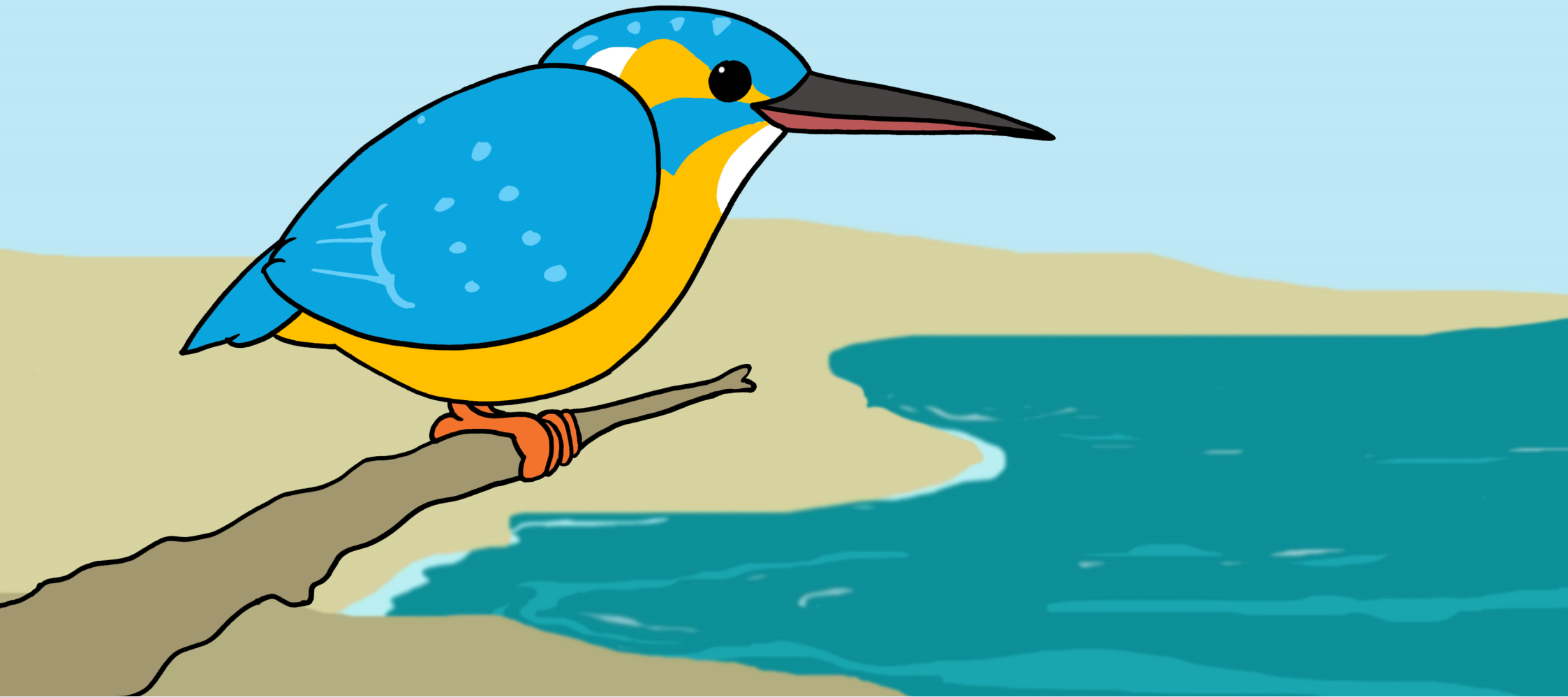
The male kingfisher finds a good place to sit and look out for food. He waits for a fish to swim by...



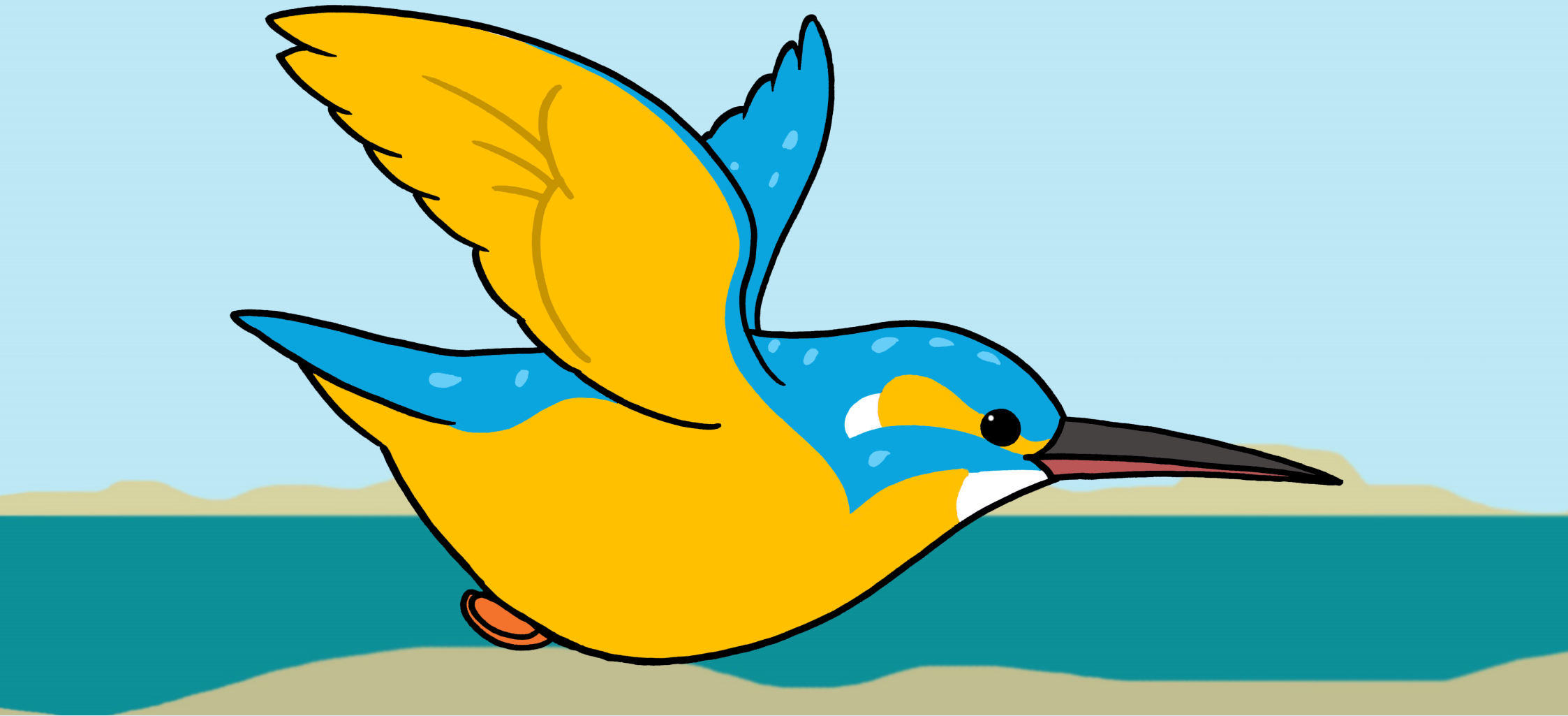
He sees a fish, folds his wings and dives in to the water with a tremendous "SPLASH!"



Kingfisher babies have no feathers just after hatching, but these will grow very soon. They need lots of food.



The babies grow and find their own new homes. Kingfishers like rivers, ponds and even visit the seaside in the winter.



Did you enjoy learning about these bright and beautiful birds? ***What can you remember?***

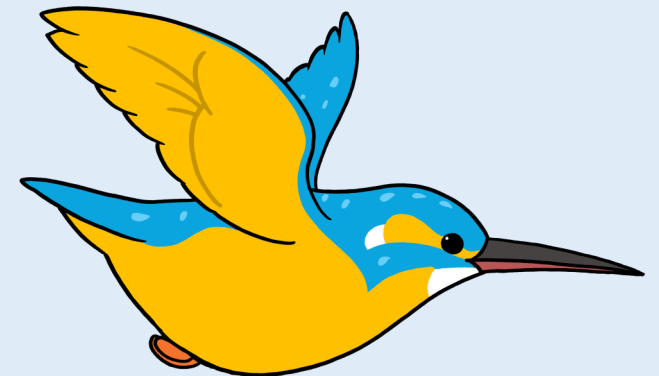
Questions

Can you describe what a kingfisher looks like?

What does a kingfisher do to find food?

How do you tell male and female kingfishers apart?

Where do kingfishers make their nests?



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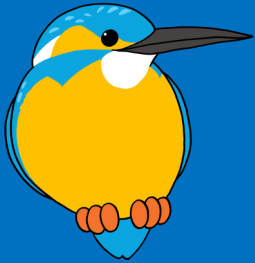
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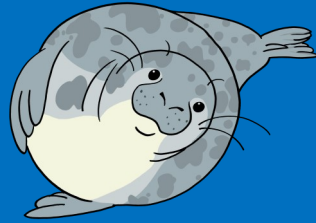
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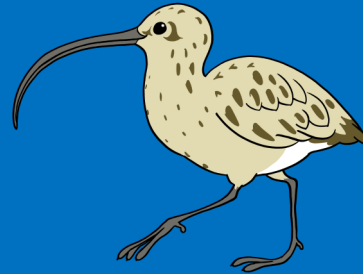
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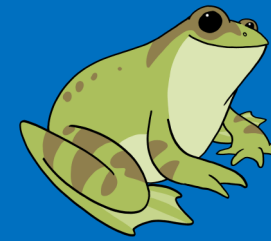
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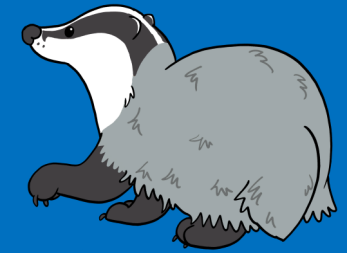
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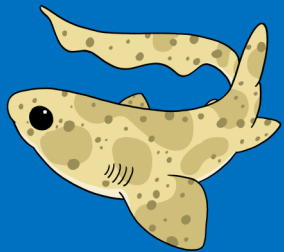
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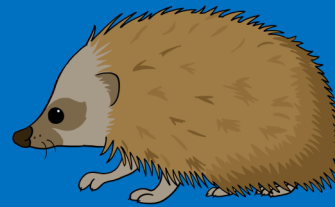
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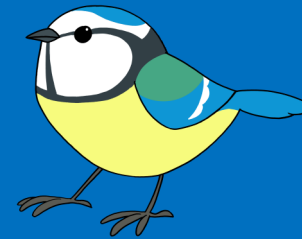
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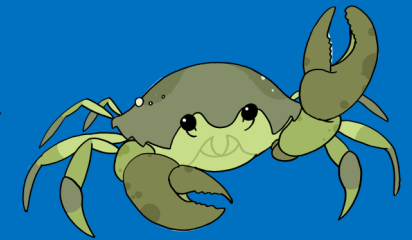
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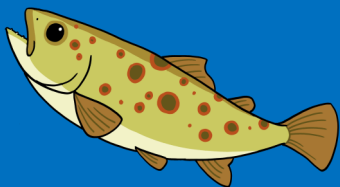
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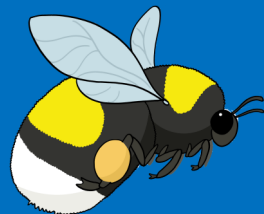
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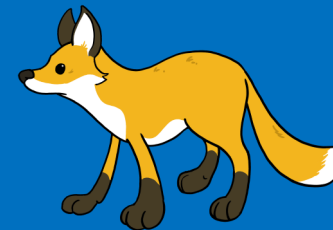
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