

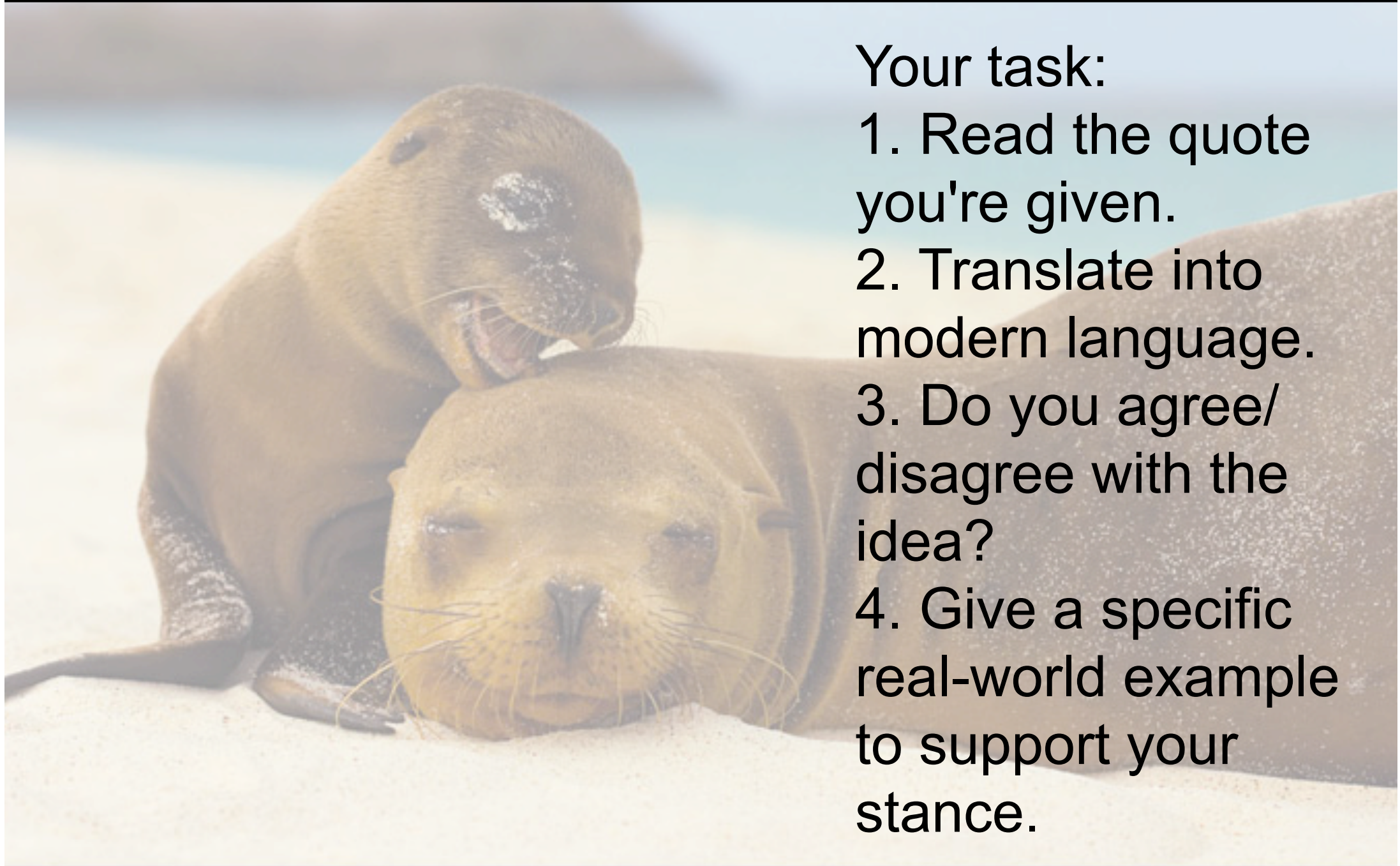
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Your task:

1. Read the quote you're given.
2. Translate into modern language.
3. Do you agree/disagree with the idea?
4. Give a specific real-world example to support your stance.





1. "Nature never wears a mean appearance."



2. "In the woods, too, a man casts off his years, as the snake his slough, and at what period soever of life is always a child."



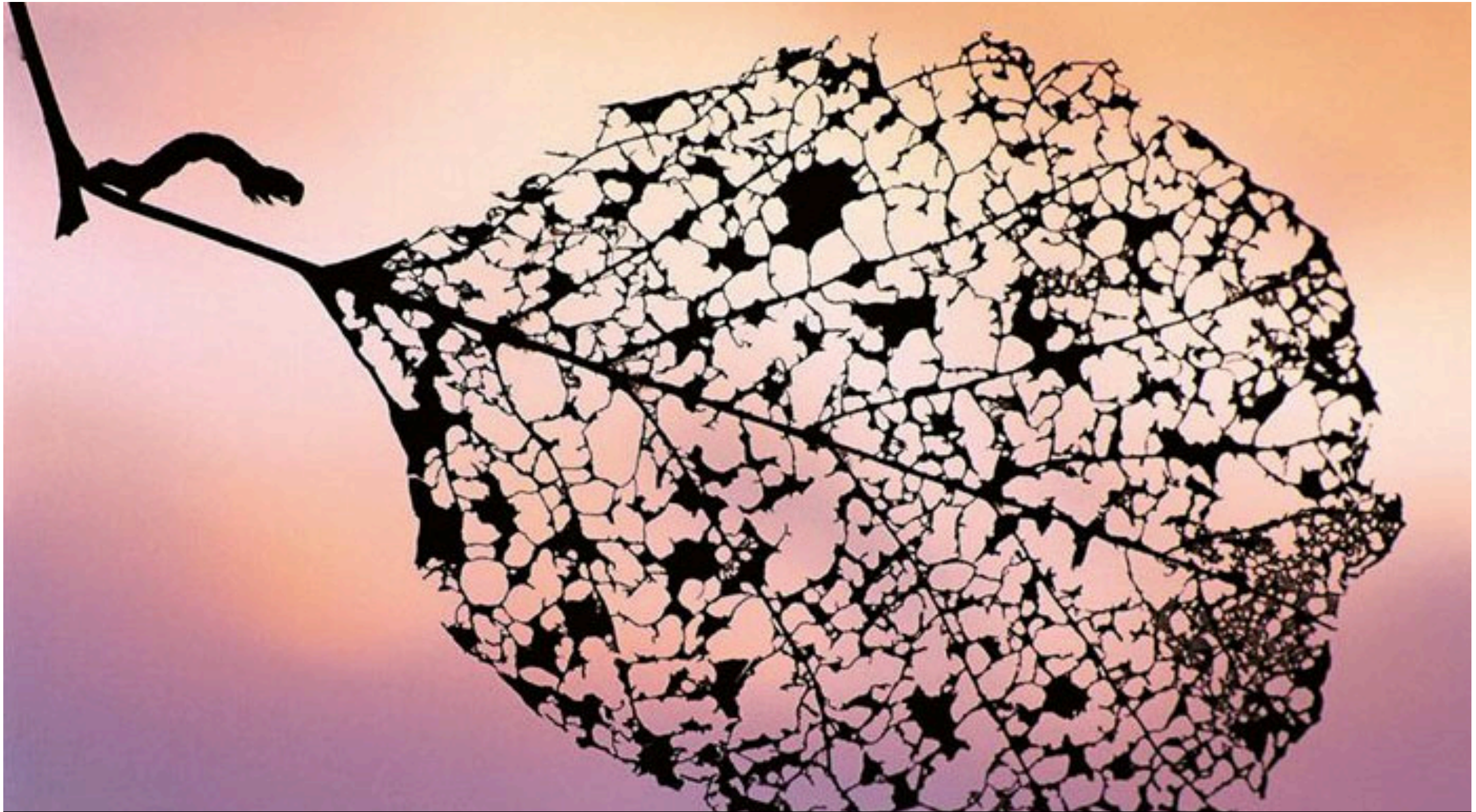
3. “In the woods we return to reason and faith. There I feel that nothing can befall me in life – no disgrace, no calamity...”



4. "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the Divine Providence has found for you..."



5. “Whoso would be a man, must be non-conformist.”



6. “A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace. It is a deliverance which does not deliver.”





7. “Is it so bad then to be misunderstood? Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates, and Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood.”



8. “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds...”



9. “Every man alone is sincere. At the entrance of a second person, hypocrisy begins.”



10. “There is a time in every man’s education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given him to till.”