

Dog Body Language

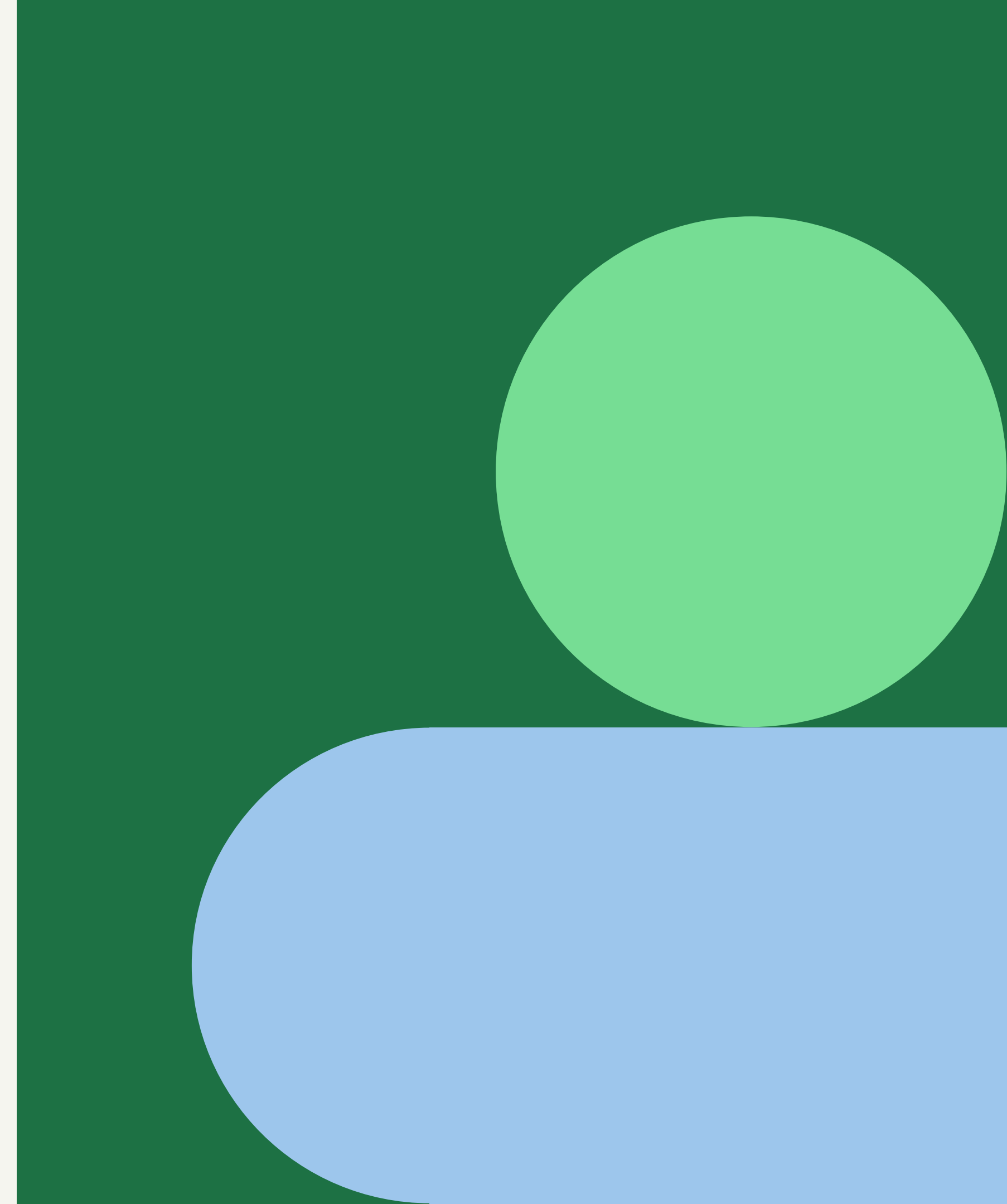
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How to speak dog.

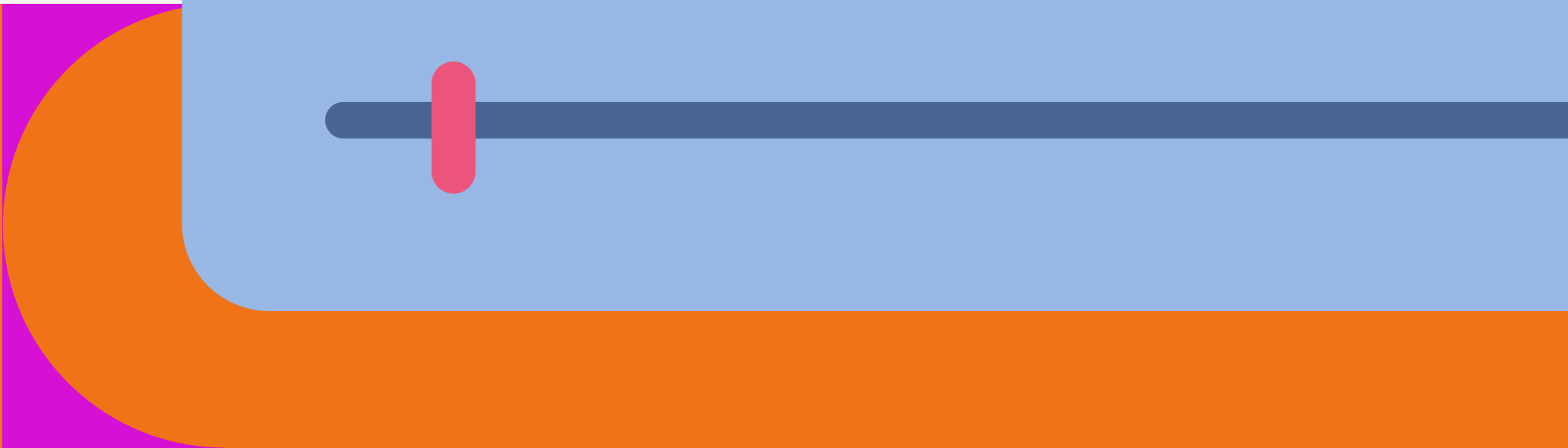
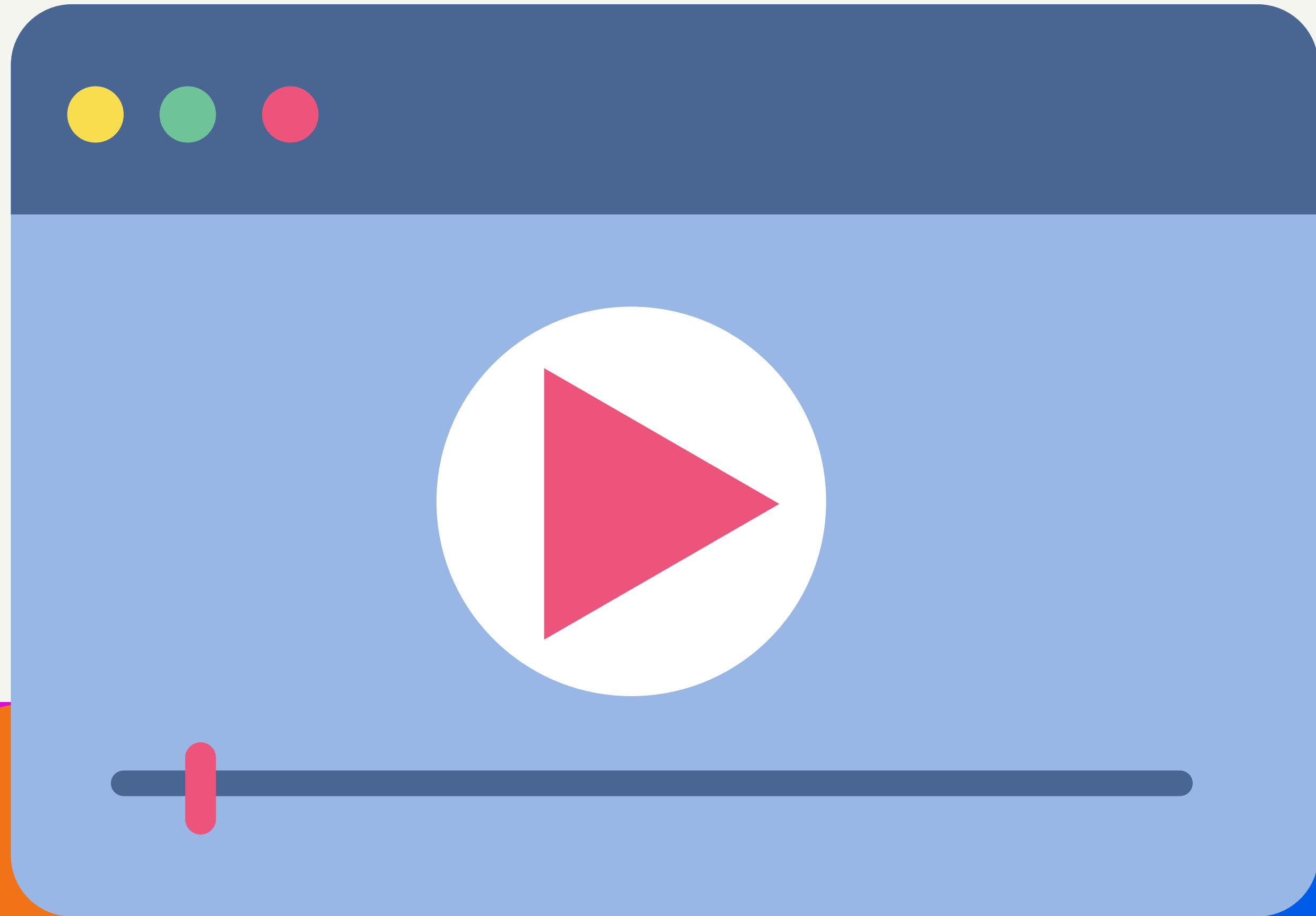
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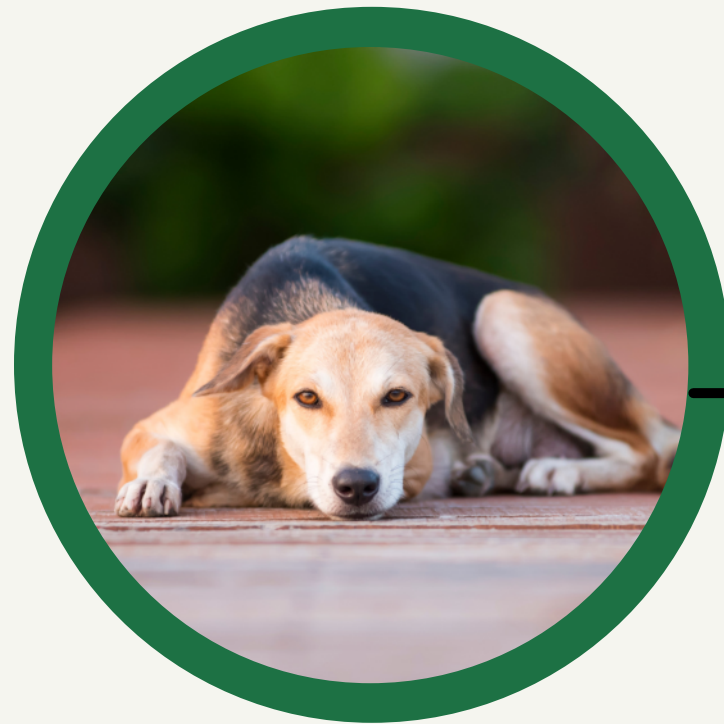
Ways a dog can communicate

- 01 Eyes
- 02 Mouth
- 03 Ears
- 04 Tail
- 05 Body Posture

if we can learn how to read a dog's body language, then we can better understand what they are trying to say and predict what they might do.

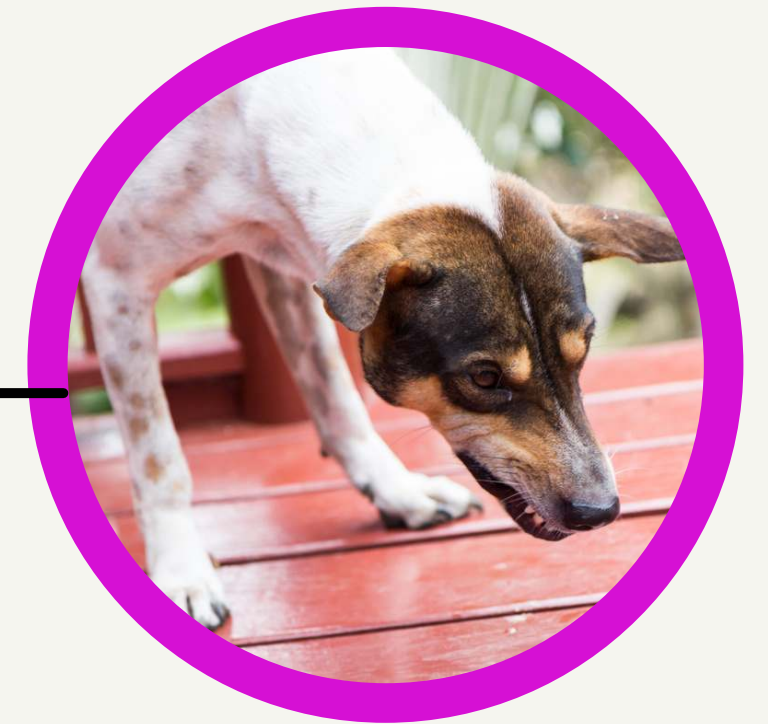


Spectrum of Body Language



One

Loose or Floppy
Relaxed



Ten

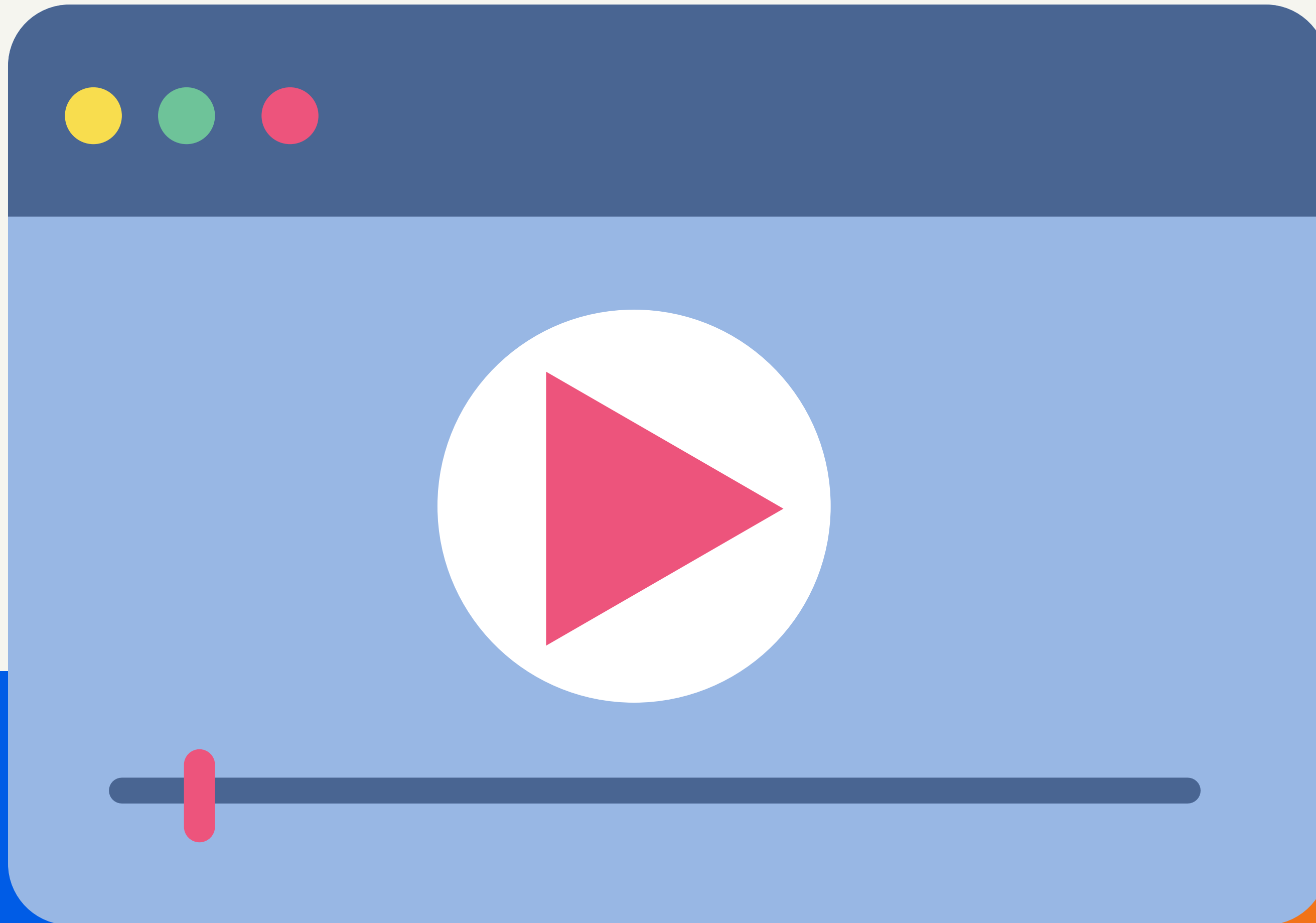
Rigid or Stiff
Freeze

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A Spectrum of Fear, Anxiety, Stress

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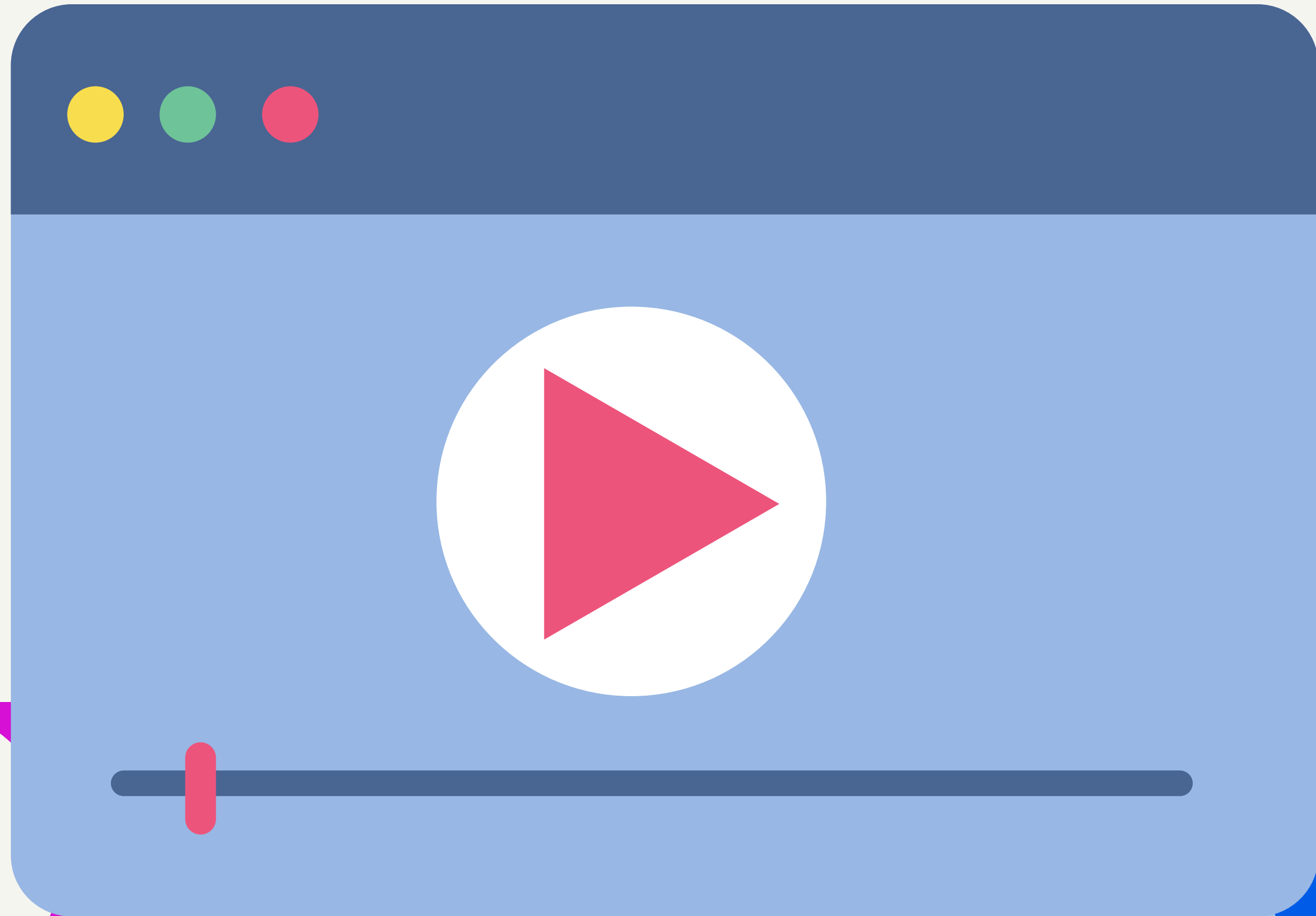




Behaviors that Happen Before Freeze

- NO OVERT SIGNS OF FRIENDLINESS
- BEING A YEAR OR OLDER
- BEING BIG AND MUSCULAR
- TAIL RAISES OR STAYS HIGH
- EYES, HEAD, AND SPINE ALIGNED
- SQUARING OFF
- VERY LITTLE FOOT MOVEMENT
- TAIL RAISES OR STAYS HIGH

- CHIN HIGH, THROAT EXPOSED
- HOLDING SPACE
- STARING FOR >2 SECONDS
- HIGH AROUSAL
- HIGH AROUSAL + INSCISOR BITTING OR SNAPING
- SCENT MARKING IN ABSCENTS OF SOCIABILITY
- WHALE EYES



Questions