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**SST** . . . . . Sea surface temperatures.



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*The first kind of intellectual and artistic personality  
belongs to the hedgehogs, the second to the foxes*

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— Sir Isaiah Berlin [1]

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