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3) Seth had a leading role in the play, and he was very nervous.

4) They drove to Ohio to visit their grandparents.

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6) Austin garnished the salad with fresh herbs.

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8) Although the plane did not receive the signal, it safely landed on the runway.

9) After she had prepared dinner, Martha served it to everyone.

10) Randy has had a passion for photography, ever since she became interested in details.

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