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2) The police arrived _____

3) We have bought a _____

4) Grayson frequents _____

5) We live in a house _____

6) President Washington _____

7) Amanda grew up in London where there are some amazing parks.

8) America has had some great explorers whose lives are nothing short of heroic.

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- 2) The police arrived at the scene where the accident occurred.

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- 3) We have bought a house that is very expensive and exquisite.

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- 4) Grayson frequently visits his house where he lives with his family.

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- 5) We live in a house that is very big and modern.

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- 6) President Washington is a national hero who inspired thousands of Americans.

President Washington is a national hero. He inspires thousands of Americans.

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Amanda grew up in London. There are some amazing parks there.

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