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By removing the aching tooth, the doctor resolved the problem.

7) Deep-fried, I like the chicken better.

Deep-fried, the chicken tastes better.

8) After watching the game, dinner was served.

After watching the game, Kylie served dinner.

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