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- 2) Bernie raised his hand.

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- 3) At the end of the class, she finished her homework.

inappropriate

- 4) The baseball team practiced every day this season.

appropriate

- 5) Tomorrow, Leila will go to the park with her friends.

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