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4. You need to fluff them in the dryer after you take the clothes off the line,
5. If it doesn't rain today, you need to water the flowers and shrubs.
6. Although some people didn't want to read the Scarlett Letter, they enjoyed it.
7. I couldn't find a place to park when I arrived at the doctor's office.
8. I couldn't imagine vampires sparkling in the sunlight until I saw the movie.
9. Until Sandy moved into the neighborhood, nobody liked to ride skateboards.
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