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- Sammy likes to eat pizza.
- Jimmy plays baseball, but Joe plays basketball.
- Mindy is in trouble because she is late.
- Since I was late for school, I had to go to the office.



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1. Linda wants to write a novel, but she is afraid to try.
2. Because I don't know how to do my math homework, I need to call Jim for help.
3. I am saving my money because I want to buy a new iPad.
4. I can't get my phone to charge, so I must need a new battery.
5. I had rather jog in the morning, but I usually have to jog in the late afternoon.
6. When I arrived, Jimmy was surprised to see me.
7. Nobody knows the answer to that question.
8. I can't find the remote, and I am too lazy to get up and change the channel.
9. My mother cooks very good fried chicken, but I prefer it to be baked.
10. Cindy loves to read.
11. Although we were late, we decided to watch the movie anyway.
12. I forgot most of the groceries I needed because I forgot my list.
13. While Billy made the salad, Cindy made the spaghetti sauce.
14. If you want to ride with Larry and Mel, you need to let them know.
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