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Last weekend my friends and I decided to go to the movies. When we got to the mall, we sat down with the movie list and tried to decide what to see. We could only see the ones that were rated G or PG, but there were 14 of them. Everybody wanted to see a different movie. The more we talked about which movie to see, the more confused we got. How can six people decide on one movie? Three of the boys wanted to see an action movie, and the other three boys wanted to see a science fiction. None of the girls could agree. We all wanted to see a different comedy. There were just too many movies that we wanted to see. It would have been easier if we had to choose between two.

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- a. It is fun to go to the movies.
- b. There were too many movies, so my friends and I couldn't decide.
- c. The mall shows many movies.
- d. We couldn't decide on a movie because we don't get along with each other.

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- a. Building a pond is a noisy job.
- b. Dad is excited about the pond.
- c. All dogs hate bulldozers.
- d. How to build a pond.

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